Rhode Island Monthly Mtg.
Minutes
omen
1844-1863
EARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
E. FOR NEW ENGLAND Y.M.

Wilburite
102.42.1
No.
(NW)
1

Rhode Island Monthly Mtg
Minutes

1844-1863

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

mcm
f225

Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting.

R. I. Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

11-1844 – 11-1863.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 28th. of 11th. month 1844.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Sarah Carr, who being called were present. In consequence of the prevalence of a spirit of insubordination & misrule in Portsmouth preparative meeting we have not received any accounts therefrom at this time.

The person who has heretofore acted as Clerk of this meeting, having at this time fully identified herself with those who seperated themselves from Friends at our last Quarterly Meeting by refusing to recognise the presence of the Committee of the Quarterly meeting, or its minute of their appointment, and we feeling bound to sustain the monthly meeting in subordination to the Quarterly Meeting — according to Discipline and good order, appoint Martha S. Gould clerk for the year ensueing, or until another appointment.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our friends Eunice Foster, Phebe Foster and Asenath Buffinton, who produced the following minute of their appointment, which having been read was united with & directed to be recorded — Viz.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Summerset 7th of 11th. month 1844.

Information having been received from men Friends that they had appointed a committee to attend subordinate Meetings for the purpose of advising and assisting them in the right transaction of their business according to Discipline and good order; this meeting unites therewith & appoints Mary Buffinton, Ruth Chace, Phebe Foster, Patience Chace, Lydia Wilbur, Eunice Foster, Martha S. Gould, Sarah S. Kenyon & Asenath Buffinton

to join Men Friends in the service.

Extracted from the minutes of said meeting by
Martha S. Gould Clerk. —"

Having been continually interrupted in the transaction of our business by those who have seperated themselves from us pretending to hold a meeting in this room, and having also been informed by Men Friends that they have been forcibly prevented from entering their usual meeting room by a company of the seperatists, stationed at the door, — and that owing to the uncomfortable state of that which they now occupy, they had concluded to adjourn to meet again at 2 Oclock this afternoon at the house of our friend Henry Gould; in order to be near them, and that we may be enabled to transact our business with that solemnity which is essential thereto — we have concluded to adjourn to meet again at the same time, at the house of our friend Thomas B. Gould. —

Afternoon. — According to adjournment, Friends again met: — The representatives and the Quarterly meetings committee being present as before.

Those persons who have stood in the station of Overseers of this meeting, having now gone out from Friends by an open schism: after due deliberation on the subject, we have concluded to appoint Abigail Gould and Catharine R. Boyd, to that service for the ensueing year, or until another appointment.

Information having been received from Men's meeting that they were united in the conclusion to dismiss the case of Thomas B. Gould, and to restore him to the rights and privileges of which he has been unjustly, irregularly and arbitrarily deprived since the 2nd. month last; — as it appeared to them upon a full investigation of the case — that the occasion which was taken against him originated solely in his frequent testimonies against the support & countenance which his accusers had given to a certain Author of unsound doctrines; and the disorderly practices which followed their identification with him and them: — that both the Over-

Overseers who treated with him, and the committee appointed to deal with him have now gone off in this seperation, (as well as the Clerk of the Men's meeting) and that this case has been managed throughout by those people — they having for a long time past assumed the entire control of the concerns of Society, and disregarded the objections of Friends to their disorderly proceedings, and their efforts to preserve good order, and to maintain sound doctrine according to our Christian discipline. And we having also been sorrowful witnesses of the working of the same spirit of unsoundness and misrule in our women's meetings in general, as well as of the manner in which this case in particular was introduced into it, and has been conducted therein; — we do, in conjunction with the Quarterly Meetings Committee now present, fully unite with Men Friends in dismissing this case, and restoring him to his rights and privileges as a member of our religious Society. —

We appoint Lydia Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, to call on the person who has acted as Clerk of this meeting; for our Records and papers now in her possession — to transfer them to the present Clerk, and report to next Monthly Meeting. —

Men Friends informed that it was their sense and judgment the time had fully come for Friends of Newport to hold their meetings for worship apart from those who have gone out from us both in principle & practice — altho' they still keep possession of our Meeting House, and accordingly that Newport particular meeting be held, until a different arrangement can be made, at the house of our friend Thomas B. Gould, at the usual hours of 11 and 3 Oclock on the first day of each week; — and at 11 Oclock on the morning of the fifth days. — The Preparative Meeting, to be also held there at the close of the Public meeting on the 5th. day next preceeding the Monthly Meeting in each month, as heretofore: After a time of solid deliberation thereon we fully unite with them in this conclusion and arrangement. —

Information has been received from Men Friends that our Meeting House in Portsmouth is at present, in the possession, and entirely under the controll of these disorderly & intolerant people, who have seperated themselves from us; and that they had concluded with the advice and concurrence of the Quarterly Meetings committee now present, to adjourn, to meet again at the usual time on the last 5th. day in next month, at the house of William Boyd in Portsmouth. And we being with them more concerned for the right holding of our religious Meetings, and desirous of preventing our opposers from disturbing them, than to contend for our rights of Property, unite with Men Friends therein; and the business which has come before us having been gone through with, do adjourn to meet there accordingly. —

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 26th. of 12th month 1844. —

By the accounts received from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who being called, were present. —

We have the acceptable company of our Friend Ruth Chace, one of the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, who presented the Minute of their appointment last month, which was then accepted & recorded. —

The committee appointed last month, to call on the former Clerk for our Books and papers, now in her possession — reported that they had attended thereto, but she wholly refused to give them up. This Meeting after deliberating upon it — as Martha S. Gould

requests to be released — concludes to appoint Catharine K. Boyd in her stead, who with Lydia Mitchell, are requested to pay such further attention to the case, as way may open for, and report to a future Meeting.

A request having been received from Hannah Hall to become a member of our Religious Society, this Meeting appoints Abigail Gould and Martha S. Gould, to unite with a committee of Men Friends, if they should appoint one, and report their sense of the state of her mind to our next Monthly Meeting. *

Portsmouth Preparative Meeting continuing to manifest a spirit of insubordination to this Meeting; by refusing to report thereto, we having taken the case under serious consideration at this time, do not feel prepared to appoint a committee; but have concluded to refer it to another Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes, to meet again at the usual time next Month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 1st month 30th. 1843.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Julia Ann Mitchell, only one of whom was present, the other being prevented by indisposition.

The First, Second and Tenth Queries, with their respective Answers have been read at this time, — which together with a copy of this Minute we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Providence, by our representatives Catharine K. Boyd and Martha S. Gould. On account of a manifest

* Men Friends having appointed a Committee to bring forward the Business pertaining to Friends' militia for the Action of Elders, this Meeting after a time of said deliberation Viewing, appoint Lydia Mitchell & Julia Ann Gould, to join Men Friends in the service, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

spirit of insubordination and misrule among the members of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, they have failed to report to us since our last Quarterly Meeting — consequently the answers from Newport are the only answers. —

The committee appointed to visit Hannah Hall in consequence of her request to become a member of our Religious Society, produced the following report; which being united with, and Men's Meeting concurring therein she is accordingly admitted to membership; and being in waiting Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to inform her thereof.

"To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Committee appointed to visit Hannah Hall in consequence of her request to become a member of our Religious Society report; That we have had several opportunities with her to a good degree of satisfaction, and are united in judgment that it will be right to receive her into membership: which we submit to the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

John Mitchell.

Martha S. Gould.

Newport 30th. of 1st. Month 1845."

One of the committee appointed last month to bring forward the name of some person suitable for the station of Elder, reports on their behalf, that they were united in proposing the name of Catharine Mitchell for that station; which being solidly considered, was united with by this and Men's Meeting, and the subject was directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting for its decision. —

This Meeting unites with Men's Meeting in the appointment of John Mitchell to the Station of Elder. —

Men Friends inform that the situation of

the Meeting at Jamestown has claimed their attention at this time: information having been received that the Seperatists have taken forcible possession of the Meeting House, to the entire exclusion of Friends and others, and the subversion of good order. - It is concluded that the Meeting in future be held at the house of Isaac H. Carr, and a committee appointed to visit it occasionally as way may open for; - with which this Meeting unites; and appoints Lydia Ann Gould, Catharine K. Boyd and Martha S. Gould, to join Men Friends in the service.

This Meeting concludes to meet again at the usual time next month at the house of William Boyd of Portsmouth.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 27th. of 2nd. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, who being called were present.

The Representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that two were both prevented by indisposition in their families, and the inclemency of the weather.

This Meeting concludes, to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, 27th. of 3d. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Mary Gould, who

being called are present —

The state of Portsmouth Prepara-
-tive Meeting has claimed the attention of this Meeting, but as it does not appear that any measure can be properly adopted at this time, we therefore refer it to a future Meeting.

This meeting concludes to meet again at the usual time next Month, at the house of William Boyds in Ports-
-mouth, if permitted —

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 4th. month 24th. 1845 —

By the ~~women friends~~ Newport Preparative meet-
-ing the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, she being called, only one was present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our Friends Lydia Wilbur, Mary Buffinton and Hannah Buffinton, members of the Quarterly Meetings committee: — a minute of their appointment was read and accepted. —

The Queries have been read with approved answers from Newport Preparative Meeting, which as Portsmouth Preparative Meeting still withholds its account from us — we forward to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East-Greenwich, by our representatives Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hall and Lydia Mitchell ~~as being descriptive~~ of our present state. —

Having transacted the business which has come before us, we conclude; purposing to meet again next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould, in Newport.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk for the day —

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport 29th. of 5th. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Lydia Ann Gould who being called were present.

Two of the representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting report they attended - one Friend was prevented by indisposition in the family. - It does not appear they had anything in charge for this Meeting.

A Certificate of removal was received from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, for Lydia F. Nichols, which was read and accepted in this and Men's Meeting - and she not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to inform her of its reception. -

This meeting concludes to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of William Boyd at Portsmouth. -

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 26th. of 6th. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who being called were both present. -

The Friend appointed to inform Lydia F. Nichols of the reception of her Certificate reports, that she has attended to the appointment.

Having transacted all the business which has come before us we conclude, to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould, in Newport. -

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, 31st of 7th. month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Abigail Gould, who being called were present.

The queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 11th. from Newport Preparative Meeting, which we believe to be descriptive of our state, have been read at this time, and we accordingly forward them to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held in Newport; by our representatives Mary Shaffield, Catharine Mitchell and Sarah Carr.

From Men's Meeting we are informed that the subject of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, and the Particular Meetings for Worship at Portsmouth and Tiverton had claimed their attention, and they were united in believing it would be right to appoint a Committee to visit the members there, as way may open for it, and ascertain what their views are in relation to the course to be pursued by Friends in the case. This Meeting after due deliberation, unites therewith and appoints Catharine Mitchell, Abigail Gould and Martha S. Gould to join them in the service.

Men Friends inform that Moses B. Buffinton requests a Certificate of removal for himself and three minor children Mary Catharine, John Edward and James Mitchell Buffinton; - to be directed to Swansey Monthly Meeting. - Lydia Ann Gould and Catharine K. Boyd are appointed to assist Men Friends in preparing one to produce to our next Monthly Meeting.

Men Friends inform that they believed the time had fully come for the approving of the Gift and Public appearances in the Ministry of Thomas B. Gould; - with which this Meeting feelingly unites.

We conclude, to meet again at the house of William Boyd in Portsmouth; at the usual time next month.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth, 28th. of 8th. month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Martha S. Gould, who being called are present.

One of the representatives appointed last month, to attend the Quarterly Meeting, reported that they all attended.

We have at this time the acceptable company of Asenath Buffinton one of the committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit subordinate Meetings.

The Committee appointed last month to prepare a certificate of removal for Moses B. Buffinton and children, produced one which was read approved and directed to be signed on behalf of this meeting.

This meeting concludes to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport, 25th. of 9th. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall and Julia Ann Mitchell, only one of whom is present.

The Committee appointed in the 7th. month in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, not being ready to report the subject is referred to a future Meeting.

The Extracts from the Minutes of our late

Yearly Meeting have been acceptably read at this time.

We conclude, to meet again at the usual time next month at the house of William Boyd at Portsmouth.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth, 30th. of 10th. month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Lydia Mitchell, only one of whom was present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

All the queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st., 2nd. and 10th. as usual, which this meeting approves and directs to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Fall River, by our representatives Catharine Mitchell, Lydia Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd.

The committee appointed in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, and the Meetings for Worship of Portsmouth and Tiverton; not having been together, since our last Monthly Meeting, it is concluded with the concurrence of Men's Meeting, to defer the case till a future time.

This meeting concludes, to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport, if permitted.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport, 27th. of 11th. Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall and Lydia F. Nichols, who were both prevented from attending by the unsuitableness

of the weather. . .

One of the representatives appointed last Month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, reports that only two attended. the other being prevented by indisposition.

We now conclude, to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of William Boyd in Portsmouth.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Portsmouth, 25th. of 12th. Month, 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Lydia Ann Gould, one of whom was prevented from attending by indisposition in the family.

From the Preparative Meeting we are informed, that the time for which Abigail Gould and Catharine K. Boyd, were appointed Overseers of this Meeting, had expired, and proposed their reappointment should the Monthly Meeting approve thereof:— but as one of them is absent on account of indisposition in her family, we think it best to defer the case until next month.

New Friends inform that the Committee appointed in consequence of the insubordination of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, report having given some attention to the case, but are not prepared to make a final report; and New friends having informed that they had made some addition to the Committee appointed in the 7th. month last, and suggested the propriety of our doing so likewise we have accordingly appointed Catharine K. Boyd and Lydia Mitchell, to unite with those new under appointment, viz. Catharine Mitchell, Abigail Gould and Martha S. Gould, in visiting that Meeting and labouring with the Members thereof, as way may open for it and report to this Meeting in the 3d. month next.— They are also left at liberty

to ask the advice and assistance of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee in relation to the case.

As the time for which Martha S. Gould was appointed Clerk of this Meeting has expired, and she requesting to be released, the subject has claimed our attention, but as the Meeting is small and friends do not appear prepared to make a change at present, the case is deferred until next month.

We conclude, to meet again at the usual time next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport, 29th. of 1st. month 1846.

By the accounts from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould & Mary Gould, who being called are present.

The queries have all been read with answers to the three usually considered, which are satisfactory to the Meeting, — and we forward them with a copy of this Minute, to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Providence, by our representatives, Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hall, and Martha S. Gould.

This Meeting is united in the reappointment of Abigail Gould & Catharine K. Boyd, to the service of Overseers of this Meeting, for the ensuing year, or until another appointment; as proposed by the Preparative Meeting, and referred from last month on account of the absence of one of the individuals.

The subject of the appointment of a Clerk for this Meeting having been referred from last month, has again

been before this Meeting, — and Friends are united in appointing Lydia Ann Gould to that service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The business of the Meeting having been brought to a close, we conclude — to meet again at the house of William Boyd, in Portsmouth, at the usual time next month.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 26th. of 2nd. month 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Martha A. Gould; who being called one only was present, the other being prevented by indisposition.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report, that two of their number attended — the other was prevented by indisposition. They had nothing in charge to this meeting.

The former clerk having been verbally directed by the Monthly Meeting, to deliver the Books and Papers to the present one, — a proposition was made to notice on the Minutes at this time, that it has been done.

The business of this meeting having come to a satisfactory close, we conclude. purposing to meet again next month, at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Newport.

Lydia Ann Gould - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport, 26th. of 3d. month 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould & Abigail

Gould, who being called are present. . .

The report of the Committee who were appointed to visit Levi Chase, on account of his request to become a member of our Religious Society, having been presented from Men's Meeting, with the information that they had concluded to accept it, has been read and wightily considered; — and we fully unite with Men Friends, in receiving him into membership with us. — It is as follows, Viz. . .

" To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport.

Dear Friends,

We your Committee appointed to confer with Levi Chase upon the subject of his request Report, that in conformity with our appointment we have had several opportunities with him to good satisfaction, and are united in judgment he has been rightly convinced of our Principles, and that it will be safe to admit him as a member of our Religious Society. All which we submit to the Meeting.

Henry Gould.
Newport 25th. of 3d mo. 1846. John Mitchell.
Thos. B. Gould. "

One of the Committee under appointment, in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, informed, that they were not prepared to report according to the last reference, and requests the case referred one Month longer; and it is accordingly continued under the care of the same Committee.

The business of this Meeting having come to a close, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Portsmouth 30th. of 4th. month, 1816.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia F. Nichols & Catharine Mitchell, who being called are present.

The Queries with Answers at large, have been read and approved from Newport Preparative Meeting, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, as being descriptive of our present state, by Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hall and Lydia Ann Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, have presented the following Report, which is accepted: and in a view of the great importance of the measures therein proposed it is concluded to defer action upon it one month.

"To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

We your Committee appointed in the 7th. and 12th. months last, in consequence of the insubordination of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting to confer with the members thereof &c. Report, that we have given deliberate attention to the subject. Part of our number both male & female have attempted to visit that meeting, and therein to labour for their restoration to good order and sound Principles - which our women Friends had some opportunity to do before they were compelled to leave the house. But the male members of the committee were not allowed to enter the Meeting for business - the refractory members of that Meeting Locking themselves in, and us out of the house; refused to render any account of themselves according to Discipline, and to receive our labours of Love. - We are united in judgment that they are not in a state to hold either a Preparative Meeting, or Meeting for Worship, either at Portsmouth

or Tiverton, all the members of the latter meeting, so far as appears, having identified themselves with the Seperalists:— And as those members of that Preparative Meeting, who have remained with Friends have manifested a desire to be attached to Newport Preparative Meeting, we believe, that it will be best to dissolve that Meeting, and annex them accordingly, and also to suspend at least for the present the Particular Meetings of Portsmouth and Tiverton.— All which we submit to the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

John Mitchell.

Abigail Gould.

Portsmouth 30th. of 4th. month, 1846."

This Meeting concludes, purposing to meet again at the usual time, and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould— Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport 28th. of 5th. month 1846.

By the accounts from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who being called were present.

Two of the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported, that they attended; the other was prevented by indisposition. They had nothing in charge to this Meeting.

A Certificate of removal has at this time been received, on behalf of Mary Ecroyd, from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, for the Northern District; which was read and accepted, both in this and Men's Meeting and

directed to be recorded.

The subject of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting again coming under consideration, we have after a time of solid deliberation, united with Men Friends, in dissolving that Meeting and attaching the members thereof to Newport Preparative Meeting. The consideration of the remainder of the propositions contained in the report, are referred to our next Monthly Meeting.

George C. Kenyon, and Mary Ecroyd, appeared in this Meeting and published their intention of Marriage with each other; their proposal was duly noticed, and they were referred to the Men's Meeting. - Lydia Mitchell, is appointed to enquire into Mary's clearness, in her present engagement and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth, 25th. of 6th. Month, 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Lydia Ann Gould; who being called are present.

Men friends informed us that they had concluded to discontinue the Particular Meetings of Portsmouth and Tiverton, until further action of this Meeting in the case; with which conclusion, after a time of solid deliberation, this Meeting unites.

The Friend appointed to enquire into Mary Ecroyd's clearness reported, that nothing appeared to hinder her from proceeding in Marriage with George C. Kenyon: - they are therefore left at liberty to consummate their union, according to our established

order, and we have appointed Hannah Hall and Catharine Mitchell, to attend the solemnization thereof and report how it was conducted at our next Monthly Meeting.

The business of this Meeting having come to a close, we conclude, intending to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport 30th. of 7th. month, 1846.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Julia Ann Mitchell, who being called are present.

The Queries have been read with approved answers from the Preparative Meeting, to the 1st. - 2nd., and 10th. which together with an account we forward to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held in Newport. as being descriptive of our present state by Catharine Mitchell and Abigail Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Friends under appointment to attend the Marriage of George C. Kenyon and Mary Lovejoy, report, they both attended, and thought it was conducted in an orderly, becoming manner.

The business having been brought to a close, we conclude, to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 27th. of 8th. month 1846.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting,

the representatives are Abigail Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who being called only one was present; for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported, that they both attended, and have presented to this meeting, the Extracts from our last Yearly Meetings Minutes; which have been read to our comfort & satisfaction.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B. Gould, a Minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting, in a weighty and feeling manner, a concern which had for a long time rested on his mind, to visit, in the Love of the Gospel, some of the Meetings of Friends, within the limits of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich, and Dover Quarterly Meetings; - and to appoint some meetings among those who are not members of our Religious Society, as well as in some places where no meetings of Friends have been established, if way should open for it. After a time of solid deliberation thereon, both unity & sympathy was expressed with him therein, and he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as way may open for it in the Truth: - and the Clerk of this Meeting is directed to sign the minute which is furnished him by Men Friends.

The business having come to a close, this meeting concludes, intending to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport 24th. of 9th. month, 1846.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Mary Gould & Catharine Mitchell, one of whom was present, the other being prevented from attending by indisposition.

No other business claiming our attention

at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 29th of 11th. month, 1816.

By the minutes from the Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Alice Gould, who being called, one was present, the other being prevented from attending by sickness in the family.

The Queries have been read with answers to the three usually considered at this time, which were satisfactory to the Meeting, and together with an account, we forward them to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Fall-River, by our friends, Hannah Hall, Mary Sheffield and Lydia Mitchell; whom we appoint our representatives.

By a minute from the Preparative Meeting, we are informed that Mary Ecroyd Rennon, (late Ecroyd) requests a certificate of Removal, to be directed to Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends: - we have therefore appointed Lydia Ann Gould and Lydia Mitchell, to unite with a committee of men Friends in preparing one, if no obstruction appears, and bring to the next Monthly Meeting.

Information has been received from the Men's Meeting, that they had concluded to discontinue the Meeting for Worship in Newport on the days when Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is held, until the further action of said Meeting; with which conclusion, after duly considering the subject, this meeting unites.

The business of this meeting having been brought to a close, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 26th. of 11th. month, 1816.

From the minutes of the Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives are Abigail Gould and Hannah Hall, who being called, only one is present.

The Committee appointed last month to prepare a Removal Certificate for Mary Ecroyd Kenyon, have presented one at this time; which being read, was approved with in this, and Men's Meeting, signed by the Clerks and directed to be recorded.

Nothing further claiming our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Portsmouth 31st. of 12th. month, 1816.

From the minutes of the Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Lydia Mitchell, who being called are present.

The Friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting as our representatives, not being present at our last Monthly Meeting, have reported at this time that they all attended; - but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B. Gould, has returned at this time the copy of a Minute granted him in the 8th. month last, and informed us that he has been enabled to accomplish his prospect as therein described to the peace of his own mind: - Also producing Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich, held on Nantucket the 1st. of 11th. month: - from Salem Quarterly Meeting, held 11th month 15th. and from Dover

Quarterly Meeting, held 11th. month 22nd. 1846. Also from Providence Monthly Meeting, held at North-Providence 9th. month 23d.- and from Swansea Monthly Meeting, held at Fall River 10th. month 26th. 1846- expressive of his having attended those meetings respectively; and of his company and Gospel labours being acceptable to them: all of which as well as the account he has given, are satisfactory to this Meeting.

The business of this meeting being now brought to a close, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport 28th. of 1st. month 1847.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Hannah Hall, who on being called were present.

The Clerk being absent Martha S. Gould is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read at this time, together with Answers to the First, Second, and Tenth; which being considered descriptive of our present state, we forward together with the account, to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Providence, by Lydia Mitchell, Hannah Hall, and Catharine K. Boyd; whom we have appointed our representatives.

This meeting concludes, to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Martha S. Gould,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth, 25th. of 2nd. month 1847.

From the minutes of the Preparative Meeting it appears the representatives are Martha S. Gould and Lydia Ann Gould, who, on being called only one of whom was present.

The Friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report, that one of their number attended;— The others were prevented by the situation of their families:— there did not appear to be any thing in charge from it, to this meeting.

Lydia Ann Gould informed this meeting that the time had expired for which she was appointed Clerk, and that she was very desirous of being released.— The subject has claimed our attention, and her reappointment has been proposed;— but on account of the small number present, the further consideration of the subject is deferred until next month.—

No further business claiming our attention at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again next month at the usual time and place; if permitted.

Lydia Ann Gould—Clerk—

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Newport, 25th. of 3d. month 1847.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia B. Nichols and Mary Gould, only one of whom was present, the other being prevented from attending by indisposition.

The proposition of last month for the reappointment of Lydia Ann Gould to the service of Clerk for this meeting, coming again under consideration, has been united with, and she is accordingly appointed for the year to come, or until another appointment.

Men friends sent in the report of a committee which they had appointed, to treat with Moses H. Beede, on account of his neglecting the attendance of our Meetings, and having attached himself to, and attending the meetings of a body of Seperalists, with the information that they had concluded to accept it and disown him from membership with us:- After a time of deliberation, we unite with them therein.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 29th. of 4th. month 1847.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Abigail Gould, who being called, one of whom is present, the other being prevented from attending by indisposition.

The queries with answers at large, from Newport preparative meeting, have been read and considered, which being satisfactory to this meeting, we forward them together with an account, to the Quarterly meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd and Catharine Mitchell, whom we have appointed our representatives.

By a minute from the preparative meeting, we are informed that the time for which Abigail Gould was appointed Overseer had expired, and proposes her reappointment; but as she is not present the consideration of the case is referred until next month.

The business of this meeting having come to a close, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th of 5th. month, 1847.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Abigail Gould; who being called are both present.

No friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they both attended - but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

This meeting is united in the reappointment of Abigail Gould to the service of Overseer, for the year to come, or until another appointment, as proposed by the preparative meeting, and referred from last month on account of her absence.

Men friends having sent in the report of a committee appointed to labour with David Buffum, on account of his neglecting the attendance of our meetings, and attaching himself to, and attending the meetings of a body of Separatists; with the information that they had concluded to accept it, and disown him from membership with us: - after a time of deliberation, we unite with them therein. -

Men friends informed that they had concluded to change the place of meeting our meetings for worship and discipline, except when the Monthly meeting is held at Portsmouth, to the Meeting House lately erected; to commence on the first day of Yearly meeting week: - with which conclusion this meeting unites. -

This meeting concludes, to meet again at the usual time and place next month. -

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 24th. of 6th. month, 1847.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Mary Gould, who are both present.

No further business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time next month, at the Meeting house in Newport.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport the 29th. of 7th. month, 1847.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Hannah Hall, who are both present.

The queries with answers to the three usually considered at this time, have been read, which being satisfactorily to this meeting we forward them together with an account to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting next to be held in Newport, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd and Abigail Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

Men friends informed that they had appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of holding our monthly meetings constantly at Newport, instead of alternately at Newport and Portsmouth as at present;— we have after duly considering the subject appointed Hannah Hall and Lydia Ann Gould to join them in making such inquiries respecting it as may appear necessary, and report their judgement to a future meeting.

The business of this meeting having come to a close we conclude, purposing to meet again next month at Portsmouth at the usual time and place.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 26th. of 8th. month 1817.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, who being called one only is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they both attended, and have furnished this meeting with the following Extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minutes, which have been read to our satisfaction; and an Epistle from our friend Esther Austin, of Westbrook, Maine; which has also been read to our encouragement.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th. to the 18th. of the sixth month inclusive 1817.

The State of Society as presented by the answers to the queries being under consideration, much tender counsel has been imparted in regard to the due attendance of our religious meetings and the maintenance of a right exercise of mind therein. We have been feelingly cautioned against neglecting this important christian duty, lest thereby we unawares give way to a lukewarm disposition and so being overcome with drowsiness - a temptation of the unwearied enemy, (who is continually seeking to ensnare the unwary) to which some are peculiarly exposed.

The meeting has been introduced into much exercise for the welfare of the members of our religious Society and for the maintenance of our ancient principles and testimonies which we as a people are still called upon to uphold; and earnest desires have been raised that such as have been favoured to stand faithfull in the support of these - against the innovations which have been recently made within our borders, may continue to hold on their way, and that increased watchfulness and circumspection may be observed by all our members, seeing that we are individually accountable for our stewardship and that the eyes of the world are upon us, in whose view we have made ourselves conspicuous by the high profession we are making.

The close trials which have been allotted us have been feelingly adverted to, and a concern has been expressed that these may have the effect designed of drawing us nearer to the source and fountain of divine consolation and saving help, that so our faith and confidence being from time to time renewed in Him, who has thus far made a way for us where there seemed to be no way - we may experience the blessing of preservation and establishment upon that foundation which standeth sure - Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages.

The committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, produced the following report, which is accepted; - and Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings still omitting to report their state to this meeting, and being informed that our mid meeting had continued. the Friends now under appointment to extend care to these & other subordinate meetings as desired by minute of last year, we unite therewith and appoint Mary Paye, Ann Macy, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Ruth Chace, Mary Ann Taber, Elizabeth R. Nichols, Mary Rotch, Asenath Rotch, Phebe Foster, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Lois S. Ives, and Mercy Gifford to join them in the service and report to this meeting next year.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present, when cases occur of proposals for marriage by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly Meeting, or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no seperation, that a satisfactory certificate from sound Friends who may reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting, or the vicinity thereof, be received, in the same manner and for the same purpose as certificates have heretofore been received from Monthly Meetings.

They will have been earnestly and affectionately entreated to submit to the Power of the cross of Christ, by which they would be preserved from the contaminating influence of improper associations, and being made willing to appear as fools for his sake and to follow Him the Beloved of souls, in the way

of his leadings, their hearts would be filled with the reward of that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

In this heavenly Unity we have been favoured to feel the good presence of the Shepherd of Israel - strengthening and encouraging us under our various trials - uniting our hearts to Him and one unto another, and enabling us to rejoice in that we have been permitted to suffer for His sake, who remains to be the alone Helper of His people.

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

The committee appointed last month to consider the propriety of holding our Monthly Meetings constantly at Newport, not being ready to report at this time, a proposal has been made to add the name of Catharine H. Boyd to that committee, which was united with and she is accordingly appointed.

This meeting concludes, purposing to meet in Newport next month.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 31st of 9th. month 1841.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine H. Boyd and Mary Gould, who on being called one only is present.

No business being ready for this meeting, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Portsmouth 21st. of 10th. month 1817.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd, who, on being called are both present.

The queries with answers to the three usually answered at this time, have been read, and nine satisfactory to this meeting we forward them together with an account to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Hannah Hall, Catharine Mitchell & Catharine K. Boyd; whom we appoint our representatives.

The joint Committee of men and women friends appointed in the 7th. month last to consider the subject of holding our monthly meetings constantly at Newport, have presented the following report — which has been read, and after a time of deliberation is fully united with in this meeting.

" To Rhode Island monthly meeting next to be held at Portsmouth:

Dear Friends,

We your committee appointed in the 7th. month last to consider the propriety of applying to the Quarterly Meeting for liberty to hold our monthly meetings constantly at Newport; — Report, that we have several times met, and deliberately considered the subject; and are united in the sense and judgment, that the time has come, when it will be best to make application to the Quarterly Meeting for liberty to do so.

John Mitchell.
Hannah Hall.
Catharine K. Boyd.
Lydia Ann Gould.
Levi Chase.
Thos. B. Gould.

Portsmouth 21st. of 10th. month, 1817. "

The business having now come to a close; we conclude, purposing to meet again next month in Newport at the usual time and place.

Lydia Anny Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport, 25th. of 11th. month; 1847.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould & Hannah Tall, one, on being called one is present — for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, they all attended, but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

We have had at this time the company of our beloved friend Nathan Paul, who produced a minute from Salem monthly Meeting dated 11th. of 10th. month 1847; — expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, whose company, and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould a Minister in unity with us, in a weighty and feeling manner, opened in this meeting a concern which had for a considerable time impressed his mind, to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends; next to be held at New-Bedford: — also some meetings in its vicinity, either as they come in course; or be appointed, as way may open for it. After a time of deliberation thereon, both with and without him, unity was expressed with him, and he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct: — The Clerk is directed to sign the minute furnished him by men friends.

We have been furnished from Men friends with the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting, viz.

"The following minute was received from Rhode Island
" Monthly Meeting; which after being deliberately considered, the
" concurrence therein obtained was granted, and they left at liberty
" to change the place of holding their Monthly Meeting as proposed;

" having the unity of the women's meeting hereing: The Clerk
" is directed to furnish Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
" with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of
" Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
" Fall River 4th. of 11th. month, 1847.

Ethan Foster, Clerk."

And in accordance therewith we purpose to meet hereafter at this place at the usual time.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport 30th. of 12th. month, 1847.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who are present.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed to that service for the day.

Men friends inform that they have concluded to forward to our beloved friend Nathan Page, a copy of the minute made at our last Monthly meeting expressive of unity with his visit, and Gospel labours amongst us; with which we unite; and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould has returned at this time; the minute granted him at our last Monthly meeting to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, &c. — with the information that he had been enabled to perform the service to the peace of his own mind, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

No other business coming before us, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at Newport 27th. of 8th. month, 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Catharine R. Boyd, who, on being called, only one was present.

The Clerk being absent, Martha S. Gould is appointed Clerk for the day.

The queries, with answers to the usual three have been read at this time, and being considered discriptive of our present state, are directed to be forwarded, with a copy of this minute, to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia Mitchell & Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

This meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport 24th. of 9nd. month 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia F. Hicks and Mary Gould, who on being called are present.

The Clerk being absent Martha S. Gould is appointed Clerk for the day.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting informs that she attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting — the other was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

Having transacted the business of this meeting, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 23d. of 3d. month, 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell, and Mary Gould, who are both present.

The Clerk not being present, Martha S. Gould is appointed for the day.

As the time has expired for which Lydia Ann Gould was appointed Clerk of this Meeting – and she not being present on account of indisposition and particularly requesting to be released, this meeting has concluded to appoint a committee to bring forward the name of a suitable person to take her place: – Catharine K. Boyd and Hannah Hall are accordingly appointed to that service.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould.

Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 27th. of 4th. month, 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Martha S. Gould, who are present.

The committee appointed last month to bring forward the name of a suitable person to serve this Meeting as Clerk report, that they were united in proposing the name of Martha S. Gould, which being approved, she is accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

All the queries have been read at this time with answers to each, which being considered descriptive of our present state, are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our representatives

Hannah Hall, Catharine K. Boyd and Martha S. Gould.

A minute has been received at this time from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New-Bedford 6th of 4th. month, 1848 concerning our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, expressive of his having attended that meeting, and most of the meetings subordinate thereto, and that his company, and gospel labours were truly acceptable, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Meeting Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 25th. of 5th. month, 1848.

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell, and Hannah Hall, who are present.

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

This meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport 29th. of 6th. month, 1848.

By the account received from Newport Preparative meeting, representatives are Mary Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

No further business being presented the meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 27th. of 7th. month, 1848.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd, who are both present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the three usually considered, which being descriptive of our present state we forward to our approaching Quarterly meeting, with a copy of this minute by our friends Hannah Hall and Catharine K. Boyd whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Newport 31st. of 8th. month, 1848.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Mary Gould, who are both present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 28th. of 9th. month, 1848.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Catharine K. Boyd, who are present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

No further business being presented we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 26th. of 11th. month, 1848.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Mary Gould. who are both present.

The queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. have been read in this meeting, and being considered descriptive of our state at this time we forward them to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute, by our friends Mary Gould, Hannah Hall and Catharine K. Boyd, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Extracts from the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, have been read at this time as directed by the Quarterly meeting, and are as follows, viz.

" Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the eleventh of Sixth month, to the fifteenth of the same inclusive, 1848.

The state of society being introduced by the reading of the queries, with the answers thereto, received from the Quarterly Meetings, much instructive counsel has been imparted - a lively concern having been felt and expressed that friends individually may be more and more engaged for the maintenance of all our precious testimonies: the deficiencies reported in some of the answers with regard to the supports of these, have been feelingly adverted to, and friends were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the performance of those duties, which are not only essential to the well-being of Society, but to an individual advancement in religious experience and usefulness.

We were reminded that as the love of the Father is shed abroad in our hearts, by His Spirit which he hath given us, and we come to love him supremely we shall be favoured to experience the fulfilment of that emphatic declaration of holy writ, "if ye love me, keep my commandments; so shall ye abide in my love even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." Love is the badge of true discipleship, as said our blessed Redeemer — "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples — if ye have love one unto another." And if we through the prevalence of our Heavenly Father's love are brought to yield obedience to the reproofs of instruction and to walk in the light, as He is in the light, we shall be preserved a living people; and so our communion through adoreable mercy, being with the Father and with the Son, we shall have true gospel fellowship one with another, and be favoured to experience the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Were we thus livingly engaged to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, and to wait for his unerring direction, who hath mercifully promised "I will guide thee with mine eye", the standard of Truth would be exalted in the sight of the people in such a manner, as to cause them to rally thereunto, as doves to the windows of the ark of the Lord's testimony. — Every unsanctified finger which might be raised unbidden to steady the same, would be restrained, and we should experience a growth and stability in the Truth, advancing step by step towards an establishment therein, until that gracious and consoling promise is abundantly verified, "I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

We have received information from the men's meeting, that they have concluded with our concurrence, to grant the request of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, for liberty to hold that meeting in future at the usual time in the second month, at North Providence, instead of Providence as heretofore; and the subject having claimed our deliberate consideration, we unite with them therein.

Our friends also inform that under a consideration of the difficulties and inconveniencies to which Friends in divers places are still subjected, in consequence of the late seperation,

with regard to holding our religious meetings, they have again concluded to extend the liberty heretofore granted to the several Quarterly meetings to meet according to the present arrangement for another year; or, if from the circumstances stated, it shall appear to them necessary to change the times or places of assembling, they are left at liberty to do so; and are requested to report such changes, if any, to this meeting next year; with which we unite, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meetings with a copy of this minute."

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting,
by Martha S. Gould, Clerk."

A Certificate for our friend Hannah Hazard has been read at this time, but as she is not present, the reception of it is deferred to a future meeting.

We have been informed by men friends that the subject of suspending the afternoon meeting on the first day of the week in Newport, having been referred from last month, had again claimed their attention, and they had concluded it would be best after First day, the 29th. of the present month, to suspend it for a time; with which this meeting concurs.

This meeting concludes.
Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport 30th. of 11th. month, 1848.

The Clerk not being present, Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Julia ~~Ann~~ Mitchell, and Lydia Mitchell; who are both present.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, reported that they all attended, but had nothing in charge for this Meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 28th. of 12th. month, 1848.

By the accounts from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Julia Ann Mitchell, only one of whom is present.

No further business being presented, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 25th. of 1st. month, 1849.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould, and Martha S. Gould; who are both present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the first, second and tenths, which are forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, with a copy of this minute, by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Hannah Hall; whom we appoint our representatives.

Having transacted the business before us, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport, 22nd. of 2nd. month, 1849.

The Clerk not being present, Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

By the account received from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Hannah Hall, who being called are both present.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, reported, that they both attended but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

We have been informed by the Preparative meeting that the committee appointed to confer with some friends to serve as Overseers, of this Meeting, have proposed the names of Hannah Hall and Martha S. Gould, for consideration: One of them not being present, the subject is referred to our next monthly meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell,

Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends held in Newport, 29th. of 3rd. month, 1849.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

One of the individuals whose names were brought forward as Overseers of this meeting last month being absent, the case is again deferred.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 4th. month 1849.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

All the queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, which being considered descriptive of our present state are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Catharine K. Boyd and Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

The subject of the appointment of Overseers coming again before us by refference from last month - and the Friends proposed being now present; this meeting unites with the proposition and Hannah Hall & Martha S. Gould are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 31st. of 5th. month 1849.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Mary Gould, only one of whom is present.

One of the representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting, reported that they both attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

The meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 28th. of 6th. month 1849.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Mary Gould, who are both present.

A certificate was presented to this meeting in the 9th. month last, from South Kingston monthly meeting, on behalf of Hannah Hazard, who had removed to reside within our limits, but as she was not then present, and has been prevented by indisposition from attending any of our monthly meetings since that time, its reception has been deferred. She being now with us, it is united with and accepted, by this and men's meeting, and directed to be recorded.

No further business being presented we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 7th. month, 1849.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Hannah Hall who are both present.

All the queries have been read at this time with answers to the three usually considered; which being satisfactory to the meeting, are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our representatives, who are Catharine Mitchell and Lydia Mitchell.

The meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Women Friends held in Newport 30th. of 7th. month 1849.

By the accounts from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Julia Ann Mitchell, who are both present.

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 9th. month 1849.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women Friends held in Newport 25th. of 10th. month 1849.

By the accounts from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall and Lydia Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present, Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

All the queries have been read at this time, with answers to the three usually considered, which being united with are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute, to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our friends Hannah Hall, Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd; whom we appoint our representatives.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 29th. of 11th. month 1849.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

The representatives appointed at our last months meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported, that they all attended but one; they have no charge from that meeting, to this.

Martha A. Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 12th. month 1849.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell, is appointed for the day.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell & Catharine K. Boyd, only one of whom attended, the other was prevented by indisposition.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 31st of 1st. month 1850.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Hannah Hall, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

The queries have been read with answers to the three usually considered, which being satisfactory to the meeting we forward to our approaching Quarterly meeting, by our representatives Hannah Hall & Catharine K. Boyd.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 28th. of 2nd. month, 1850.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Hannah Hall, both of whom are present.

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 28th of 3d. month, 1850.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Mary Gould, only one of whom is present.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Christopher C. Hussey, who produced a satisfactory minute from Nantucket monthly meeting dated 28th. 2nd. month 1850, expressive of his being a Minister in good esteem with them, and of their unity with him in his present religious engagment. His company and services have been truly acceptable to us.

Having also at this time the company of our beloved friend Prince Gardner, who produced a minute from Nantucket monthly meeting, dated 28th of 2nd. month 1850. expressive of his being an Elder in good esteem with them, and of their unity with him in his concern to accompany Christopher C. Hussey in his present religious engagment: His company and services have likewise been very acceptable to this meeting.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 25th. of 4th. month, 1850.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd both of whom are present.

The queries have all been read at this time; with answers to each, from our preparative meeting; which answers being approved are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, Catharine Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 31th. of 5th. month, 1850.

We have no account from our preparative meeting at this time, in consequence of the meeting on that day having been attended by one woman friend only; the rest having been prevented by indisposition, and the inclemency of the weather.

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting reported they all attended except one who was prevented by indisposition.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 6th. month, 1850.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Hannah Hall, only one of whom was present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Martha S. Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 25th of 7th. month, 1850.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

The queries with answers to the 1st., 2nd, and 10th. have been read at this time, and being approved by this meeting are directed to be forwarded to our approaching Quarterly meeting by our representatives, who are Catharine Mitchell, and Mary Gould.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 29th. of 8th. month, 1850.

By the account from our preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting, reported that they both attended.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 9th. month, 1850.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell & Hannah Hall, one of whom is present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

By a minute from the preparative meeting we are informed that the reappointment of

Hannah Hall, to the station of Overseer was proposed, but she not being present the subject is referred.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women Friends held in Newport 31st. of 10th. month, 1850.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Hannah Hazard, both of whom are present.

By a minute of last month we are informed that the reappointment of Hannah Hall to the station of Overseer, was deferred on account of her absence; she being now present and the subject again claiming the attention of this meeting it is united with, and she is accordingly appointed for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The reappointment of Martha S. Gould, as Overseer of this meeting, having been proposed by the Preparative meeting, and united with by this, she is accordingly appointed for another year, or until another appointment shall be made.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. - which being approved are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our representatives, who are Hannah Hall, and Catharine K. Boyd.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women Friends held in Newport 28th. of 11th. months, 1850.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell & Lydia Ann Gould, one of whom is present, the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting inform they both attended, but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 12th. month, 1850.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women Friends held in Newport 30th. of 1st. month 1851.

By the account received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell & Catharine Mitchell, only one of whom is present.

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. which having been considered and approved are directed to be forwarded, with a copy of this minute, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, by our representatives, who are Lydia Mitchell and Martha A. Gould.

Martha A. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends held in Newport 27th. 2nd. month, 1851.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called are both present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports, that she attended, but has nothing in charge for this meeting:— the other is not present.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 27th. of 3d. month, 1851.

Owing to inclement weathers, and the indisposition of some of our members, the meeting, on the day when our Preparative meeting should have been held, was only attended by one woman;— Consequently the meeting for discipline was not sustained.

The time for which Martha S. Gould was appointed Clerk of this meeting has expired, and friends are united in her reappointment to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Martha S. Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newpoit 24th. of 4th. month, 1851.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are ~~Catharine Mitchell~~ and Mary Gould, one of whom is present, the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

The queries with answers to each has been read, and having been considered are satisfactory to this meeting, and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine R. Boyd, Catharine Mitchell and Hannah Hall, whom we appoint our representatives.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Mary Macy, who produced a satisfactory minute from Nantucket monthly meeting, dated 29th. of 8th month 1850; - expressive of her being a Minister in unity with them and their unity with her ~~in her prospect of~~ visiting the families and meetings of Friends, within the limits of this Yearly Meeting. - Her company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and encouragemg to us.

We have also had the company of our beloved friend Rachel Gardner, who has likewise produced a minute from Nantucket monthly Meeting, dated 8th. month 29th. 1850. - expressive of her being a member in good esteem; and of their unity with her accompanying Mary Macy in her present religious engagments: - whose company and services have been acceptable to us.

A minute has also been produced from Nantucket monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Benjamin Gardners, dated 8th. month 29th. 1850: - expressive of his prospect of accompanying Mary Macy, and of its unity with him therein, he being a member in good esteem: - His company has also been acceptable to us.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 29th. of 5th. month, 1851.

By the accounts from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Catharine Mitchell, who are both present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended - but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

The propriety of returning to our beloved friend Mary Macy and her companions the copy of the minutes made at our last monthly meeting, having been proposed and considered, this meeting unites with the proposal; and the clerk is directed to sign the minutes prepared for them by men friends.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 6th. month 1851.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, both of whom are present.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 31st. of 7th. month, 1851.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are both present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed for the day.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. have been read, which are satisfactory to this meeting, we therefore forward them to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at this place, together with an account, by our friends Mary Gould and Hannah Hall, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 28th. of 8th. month, 1851.

By the account received from the preparative meeting it appears that the representatives are Mary Gould & Catharine Mitchell, whose names being called are both present.

The Clerk being again prevented from attending Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her stead for the day.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting reports, they both attended; but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 25th of 9th. month, 1851.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

Martha J. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 30th. of 10th. month, 1851.

By the account from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Lydia Ann Gould, – both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her stead, for the day.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd and 11th. have been read, which are satisfactory to this meeting, we therefore forward them to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Fall-River, together with an account, by our friends Lydia Mitchell and Hannah Hall, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 11th. month, 1851.

An account has been received from the preparative meeting, from which it appears that the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Mary Gould, – who are both present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that she attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting; the other is not present.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 25th. of 12th. month, 1851.

By the minutes from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Lydia Ann Gould,

one of whom is present, the other was prevented from attend=
=ing by sickness in the family.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to that service, for the day.

As there is no business referred on our min=
=utes, nor from men friends for us; this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meetings of women friends held in Newport 29th. of 1st. month, 1852.

By the account from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her stead for the day.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. have been read, and being satisfactory, we for=
=ward them to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Prov=
=idence, together with our account, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hall, and Lydia Mitchell:- whom we apporint representatives.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 26th. of 2nd. month, 1852.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, we are informed the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Julia Ann Mitchell, who are both present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

We have been informed that in consequence of the severity of the weather, and difficult travelling, none of our representatives to the Quarterly meeting attended; — therefore, we have not received any official account therefrom.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 25th. of 3d. month, 1852.

By the account from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives are Mary Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve in her stead for the day.

Lydia Mitchell

Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 29th. of 4th. month, 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives to this meeting are Mary Gould and Lydia Mitchell, both of whom are present.

All the queries, with answers thereto have been read at this time, and being satisfactory, are directed to be forwarded together with a copy of this minute, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, by our representatives, who are Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hall & Mary Gould.

As the time for which Martha S. Gould was appointed Clerk of this meeting has expired; the subject has claimed the attention of friends at this time; and they are united in reappointing her to that service, for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

This meeting concludes. — Martha S. Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 5th month 27th. 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould and Catharine Mitchell; both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve the meeting for the day.

This meeting has been informed that one of the representatives to our late Quarterly meeting did not attend on account of ill health; - the other two did attend, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 24th. of 6th. month, 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Catharine Mitchell; only one of whom is present; - the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 29th. of 7th. month, 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Hannah Hall, both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her stead, for the day.

The Queries succeeded by answers to the three usually considered at this time have been read

and being satisfactory we forward them to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place; together with an account by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Mary Gould whom we have appointed our representatives.

Lydia Ann Gould
Clerk, for the day..

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 26th. of 8th. month 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Mary Gould, and Catharine Mitchell, who are both present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reports they both attended, but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

From mens meeting we have received the following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting, which have been read and are directed to be recorded as follows: Viz.

" At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th of 8th month, 1852."

" The following Ex=
=tracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were received, and the Clerk is requested to transcribe and forward such portions as are necessary to our monthly Meetings. Viz.

"In a view of the difficulties and embarrassments under which divers friends labour in consequence of the general defec=
=tion in principle, and insubordination in practice of Falmouth, Smithfield, Uxbridge and Fairfield Quarterly meetings, it

is the conclusion of this meeting, that, when cases occur of Friends who have manifested a sincere attachment to our ancient Principles and Testimonies, removing to live within the limits of any monthly meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem and Dover, or Sandwich Quarterly meetings; and make application to be received as their members: It is agreed, that such monthly Meeting be left at liberty to receive them, and that they be considered as members thereof, according to the judgment of such meeting, and upon its receiving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity with Friends, of orderly life, and conversation, and of having settled their outward affairs.

And in case of their being in necessitous circumstances when such application is made, or of their requiring pecuniary assistance afterwards, and within the time prescribed by the discipline with regard to the obtaining of settlements, they not having contributed to the funds of the meeting, within the limits of which they reside; - It is advised, that such Friends should receive timely and needful assistance from their respective monthly meetings, who are requested; if the matter should prove burdensome to them, to forward their accounts to the meeting for Sufferings, which having approved the same, the expense is to be defrayed by a draft on the Treasurer of this meeting.

It is also the sense and judgment of this meeting, that the same rules and regulations may be applied under the direction of best wisdom, to the relief of such sound and consistant friends as may continue to reside within the limits of the four delinquent Quarterly meetings, which have been referred too, as well as to such as are members of the three Quarterly meetings which are still duly represented in this meeting, but who may reside within the limits of any monthly meeting in either of those Quarters which has not been sustained in subordination to us, by reason of the great defection in principle, and the prevalent unsoundness in doctrine existing among the members of such

monthly Meeting generally."

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer of this meeting, their respective proportions of one hundred and fifty dollars, the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting this year, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to our monthly meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Samuel B. Chase,
Clerk for the day.

We have also received at this time the printed minutes of advice and counsel, from our last Yearly Meeting, addressed to subordinate meetings, and individual members; the reading of which, has been deferred to a future meeting.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 30th. of 9th. month, 1852.

By the accounts from the Preparative meeting the representatives to this meeting are Hannah Hazard, and Hannah Hall, both of whom are present.

The printed minute of advice and counsel, issued by our late Yearly meeting, and deferred from last month on account of the smallness of the number then present, have been read at this time: Viz.

" From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, by adjournments, from the 13th. of the 6th. month, to the 16th. of the same, inclusive, 1852.

" To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and Individual members belonging thereto:

" Dear Friends,

Having been permitted again to meet together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, — and to ex=perience, as we humbly trust, the wing of Ancient Goodness to be mercifully spread over us; and, in and under this precious, and solemnizing covering, to feel a living concern for our own preservation and advancement in the Truth, — and also, for the faithful maintenance of those truly Christian Principles and Testimonies which have been committed unto us as a peculiar peo=ple, called and gathered out of the world, and the evil customs and manners, as well as the false principles, and contaminating in=fluences of the world which lieth in wickedness, and in a state of alienation from the Life and Power of the Gospel which we profess, and most assuredly believe in; — our dear absent brethren and sisters have been feelingly brought to view, with sincere and earnest desires, that they also may be made, in some degree, sensible of the unmerited favors which have been vouchsafed at this time, through the good Presence and Help of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, by which our strength has been somewhat renewed, and our hope and confidence increased, that as watchfulness is abode in, and faithfulness and obedience are maintained, — accord=ing to the degree of Divine Light, and the measure of the gifts and talents received, — we shall not be permitted to fall into the snares of the enemy, however thickly or deceptively they may be spread around us, or however cunningly they may be adapted to the peculiar circumstances in which we are placed, and to the particular weaknesses and infirmities to which we are either more or less subject until the work of redemption and salvation is completed through the effectual operation of His power, who is now as able, and as willing to heal us of our spiritual maladies and infirmities, as he was in the days of his outward and person=al appearance amongst men, when such as applied unto him in living faith, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean," were made every whit whole.

But, dear friends, we have been afresh, and deeply

made sensible at this time, that it will not prove sufficient for any of us to have had our eyes once anointed to see into the mys=teries of Life and Salvation, beyond other professors of the Christ=ian name, and our hearts opened and enlarged to view the spir=itual nature and unchangeable character of Christ's Kingdom and government, while the eyes of many of our fellow professors have been blinded by the God of this world; — or even to have wit=nessed a good confession of the saints' faith, and maintained the form of sound words and sound doctrines, and to have done so in the Life, having been clothed with a degree of true zeal for the sup=port of the ancient doctrines and testimonies of Truth, in opposit=ion to such, under our name, as were disposed to lower the stand=ard, and to let the Ark of the Lord's Testimony and Covenant fall to the ground, — but it is also indispensably necessary that we should know an abiding in the vine of Life, under the cleansing operations and the needful baptisms of the Holy Spirit, — that so, receiving dai=ly a sufficient portion of bread from heaven, we may witness a growth and advancement in the Truth; and our connection with him who declared Himself to be "The Vine", being preserved, we shall be enabled to bring forth good fruit, and all our offerings will pass through the fire of God's altar, a sacrifice to his praise and honor.

And thus, coming to be witnesses of a living and efficacious faith, which will enable us to overcome the world, and to obtain the victory, through an humble, consistent walking in the Light, we shall have true fellowship, one with another, and the love of God and of the Brethren will increase, and abound amongst us — for they that dwell in Him, and in whom He dwells, dwell in Love, and his Divine Light shines round about them, and leads them safely along in the way of Life and Salvation.

And, in conclusion, beloved friends, we would affectionate=ly entreat you, in the simplicity of faith and obedience, to seek the direction of that Wisdom which cometh from above ..... , to guide and govern you in every action, and especially, in those appertaining to the welfare of the Church of Christ; seeking continually that holy sense of discrimination, which will infallibly enable to distinguish between

that spirit which alone seeketh the righteousness of God, and the prosperity of the ever blessed Truth, — and that spirit whose tendency is to lay waste his heritage, and bring reproach upon that holy cause, which without either spot or blemish; we are professedly endeavoring to promote."

Signed by direction,
and on behalf of the Meeting, by
Peleg Mitchell, } Clerks to the
Martha S. Gould, } Meeting this year.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, opened a concern in this meeting to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held on Nantucket; and Salem and Dover Quarterly meeting next to be held at Lynn: — also to attend most of the meetings constituting them; — and to appoint some meetings among those not in membership with Friends, if way should open for it: — This meeting unites with him in the concern, and he is accordingly left at liberty to persue his prospect; as best Wisdom may direct; he being a Minister in good esteem amongst us: — The Clerk is directed to sign the minute furnished him by men friends.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at Newport 28th. of 10th month 1852.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Catharine Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st. 2nd., and 10th.; which being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting with our account, by our friends Lydia Mitchell, Catharine K. Boyd, and Hannah Hall; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

The reappointment of Martha S. Gould as Overseers to this meeting being proposed by the Preparative Meeting; as also the ap=pointment of Catharine Mitchell to this service, in the place of Han=nah Hall who requested to be released; – this meeting unites there=with and the appointments are accordingly made for the year ensue=ing, or until another appointment.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th of 11th month, 1852.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the repre=sentatives are Mary Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd; both of whom are present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her stead, for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, they all attended, but have nothing in charge from that meet=ing to this.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, has returned at this time, the minute granted him in the 9th. month last, liberating him to attend Sandwich, Salem, and Dover Quarterly meetings; together with most of the meetings constituting them; – with the information that he had performed the service he had in prospect at that time, to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind: – which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 30th. of 12th. month, 1852.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hull, and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

We have received at this time a minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our friend Thomas B. Gould; - expressive of his having attended that meeting in the 11th. month last - and most of the meetings within their limits; and that his company and gospel labours had been truly acceptable and satisfactory to them - which is also satisfactory to this meeting.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 27th. of 1st. month 1853.

We are informed by the account from the Reparative meeting that the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Martha S. Gould; only one of whom is present.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve the meeting in her steads for the day.

The queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. have been read, and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded together with our account to the approaching Quarterly meeting next to be held at Providence, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are appointed representatives there.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 24th of 2d. month, 1853.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell, who, on being called are both present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quar=terly meeting, inform they did not attend on account of indisposition, consequently we have not received any official account therefrom.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport, 31st. of 3d. month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Catharine Mitchell; only one of whom is present.

We have received at this time a minute from Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, dated 27th. of 1st. month, 1853; on behalf of our dear friend Tho=mas B. Gould, expressive of their satisfaction with his religious services amongst them, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 28th. of 4th month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd; both of=whom are present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve the meeting in her place for the day.

The queries with answers to each have been read in this meeting, and being satisfactory, said answers were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting, with an account; by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, Lydia Mitchell; whom are appoint our representatives thereto.

Lydia Mitchell,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport, 26th of 5th month 1853.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Mary Gould, and Lydia Mitch=
=ell; who are both present.

The Clerk of this meeting not being present, Lydia Mitchell is appointed Clerk for the day.

One of the representatives who was appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, reported that they both attended — but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

There was no other business brought to view at this time.

Lydia Mitchell,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th of 6th month, 1853.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Mary Gould; both of whom are present.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia Mitchell, was appointed Clerk for the day.

No other business being presented – the meeting concludes.

Lydia Mitchell,

Clerk, for the day.

N. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport the 22th. of 7th. month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the represent=atives are Martha A. Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd; – whose names being called one of ~~them was present~~.

The Clerk being absent Hannah Hall was appointed clerk, for the day.

The queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th.; which being approv=ed; were directed to be forwarded with an account, to the approaching Quarterly meeting; by Hannah Hall, and Mary Gould; whom we appoint our representatives.

Hannah Hall, Clerk, for the day.

N. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 8th. month 25th. 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the rep=resentatives are Mary Gould, and Julia Ann Mitchell; – both of whom are present.

The Clerk being absent Lydia Mitchell is appoin=ted Clerk for the day.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting informed that she attended it – but had nothing in charge to this meeting: The other representative did not attend the Quarterly meeting, but gave a satisfactory reason for her absence.

No further business being presented the meeting concludes.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 29th. of 9th. month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are ~~Mary Gould, and Lydia~~ Ann Gould; one of whom is absent on account of indisposition in the family.

There was no other business presented, and the meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 27th of 10th. month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Hannah Hall; only one of whom is present.

The queries with answers to the three usually considered have been read at this time, and being satisfactory to the meeting are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting, with an account, by our representatives, who are Catharine K. Boyd, Lydia Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould.

No other business.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 24th of 11th. month, 1853.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The Clerk being absent by reason of sickness and death in the family, Lydia Mitchell was appointed Clerk for the day — and this meeting being very small it was concluded to refer the business which would otherwise have come before it to our next monthly meeting. Lydia Mitchell, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 26th. of 1st. month, 1854.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd - only of whom is present.

The business which would otherwise have come before this meeting in the 11th. month last, having been referred to the 12th. month; and that meeting not having been kept up by reason of a violent snow storm; which occurred on the day when it was to have been held; - One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported at this time, that one of the Friends under appointment attended that ~~meeting, but had~~ nothing in charge for this meeting.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers to the first, second, and tenth: - Which being considered descriptive of our present state, or condition; are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, with an account, by our friends Lydia Ann Gould, and Catharine Mitchell; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 23d. of 2nd. month, 1854.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve in her place for the day.

Owing to inclement weather, and the indisposition of several of our members; the meeting on the day when the Preparative meeting should have been held was attended only by one female, consequently that meeting was not sustained.

One of the representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting, reports that indisposition prevented their attendance; therefore we have not any official account therefrom.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 3d month 1854.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Mitchell; one is present, the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

As the Clerk is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

There being no further business presented at this time, the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 4th. month, 1854.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell; whose names being called, only one is present.

As the Clerk is absent, Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to the service for the day.

The Queries with answers at large have been read, and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, together with an account, by our friends, Catharine K. Boyd, Hannah Hazard, and Lydia Mitchell; whom we have appointed our representatives.

Lydia Ann Gould,
Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 5th month, 1854.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are both present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is not present Lydia Ann Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

One of the representatives to the late Quarterly meeting reports, that two of them attended, — but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

As there was no further business presented, the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th of 6th. month, 1854.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Mary Gould; only one of whom is present, the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

No further business presenting we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 27th. of 7th. month, 1854.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Catharine Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The queries have all been read at this time, with answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th.; which being satisfactory to the meeting are directed to be forwarded, together with an account, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting next to be held at this place, by our representatives who are Lydia Ann Gould, Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd.

As the time for which Martha S. Gould was appointed Clerk of this meeting has expired, and she requesting to be released; this meeting is fully united in the appointment of Lydia Ann Gould to that service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, has spread before this meeting, in a weighty and impressive manner; a concern which has for a long time rested upon his mind, to visit in Gospel love some of the meetings belonging to Newyork, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Ohio Yearly Meetings; as well as to attend the sittings of Ohio Yearly Meeting;— also to appoint some meetings within the limits of each Yearly Meeting, both among friends and others; if way should open for it:— This meeting having expressed its full unity with the concern, he is left at liberty to persue his prospect as Best Wisdom may direct;— he being a Minister in unity amongst us:— Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd; are appointed to unite with a Committe of Men friends in preparing a Certificate expressive of our unity with him, to lay before an adjournment of this meeting; to be held on 7th. day afternoon the 29th at 3 Oclock.

No further business presenting we conclude.—

7th. day afternoon the 29th. of 7th. month, met according to adjournment, near the 3d. hour.

The representatives names being called only one is present.

The joint committee of men and women friends, appointed to prepare a Certificate for our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, have produced one at this sitting, which has been read, and is satisfactory to this meeting:— And the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

No further business claiming our attention at this time we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 31st of 8th. month, 1854.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Lydia Mitchell; - whose names being called, only one is present; for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting reports, they all attended, but have nothing in charge for this meeting.

No other business coming before us at this time, the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 9th. month, 1854.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called only one is present; for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason has been given.

No further business claiming our attention, this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th of 10th. month, 1854.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Martha A. Gould, and Catharine R. Boyd; whose names being called are present.

The queries with the answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. have been read, and appearing to be satisfactory, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting; next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Martha A. Gould, and Catharine Mitchell; whom we have appointed our representatives thereto.

We have received from Men friends the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which has been read, and is directed to be recorded — Viz.

" The Clerk is directed to furnish each of our Monthly Meetings with a copy of the following "Minute" relating to removals, adopted by our last Yearly Meeting, to be placed on their Records.

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Newport 3d. of 8th. month, 1854.

Charles Perry, Clerk."

"Minute." "It is the sense and judgment of this " Meeting that so much of the minute adopted in the year " 1852 as relates to removals, be extended and its benefits ap- "-plied to such sound and consistent Friends, as may remove " into any Monthly Meeting which is a branch of either Rhode " Island, Salem and Dover, or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, from " within the limits of any other Yearly Meeting, on their making " application to such Monthly Meeting and producing such evidence " of their right of membership and the settlement of their outward " affairs as is required by said minute."

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 11th. month, 1854.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould; whose names being called, one is present, the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, they both attended, but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No further business coming before us, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Women friends, held in Newport 28th. of 12th. month, 1854.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Julia Ann Mitchell; who are both present.

No business claiming our attention at this time, the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 25th. of 1st. month, 1855.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Lydia Ann Gould; who are both present.

The queries with answers to the first, second, and tenths; have been read, and being approved in this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting next to be held at North Providence by our friends Lydia Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould; whom we appoint our representatives.

No further business presenting this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

N. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 22nd of 2nd month, 1855.

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Julia Ann Mitchell; who are both present.

One of the representatives to the late Quarterly Meting reports that she attended, the other is not present.

We have received at this time the Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting: — also an Epistle from New-York. Yearly Meeting of Women friends, held at Poplar Ridge; — both of which have been acceptably read, and are as follows; Viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Women friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 12th. of the 6th. month, to the 14th of the same, inclusive, 1854.

"In consideration of the importance of rightly conducting the affairs of the Church, our minds have been humbled under a sense of our weakness and utter insufficiency of ourselves, to do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth, or redound to the Glory of the Great Head of the Church; — and the Query of our hearts has been "By whom shall Jacob arise?"

At the same time, we are bound to acknowledge that He, who has promised to be "strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present help in the needful time", has not been unmindful of us; but has through the extention of his love, and of his mercy manifested himself by the breaking of a little bread among us, by which we have been afresh animated and encouraged to come up to "the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

While our minds have been saddened by being again reminded that "the Fathers and Mothers are fast passing away" much solicitude has been expressed for the middle aged, and they have been encouraged to greater dedication of heart, that so there may be found those among them, qualified for faithful standard-bearers,

when those "who have borne the burden and heat of the day" shall have passed from works to rewards, and that instead of the fathers, may be the sons, and instead of the Mothers the daughters."

A burden rests on the minds of Friends, that Mothers may be especially careful to fulfil their duties to their tender children to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and although they may not see any present fruit from their labours, they are encouraged to trust that it will not be altogether in vain, but be "as bread cast upon the waters, found after many days."

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth, and they have been tenderly and earnestly solicited to give up in the morning of their days to serve the Lord, who for every act of dedication will most assuredly reward, and will, as he is looked unto for help, "make hard things easy and bitter things sweet to their taste."

The uncertainty of time has been feelingly brought to their view, and desires imparted that they may so hearken to the convictions of duty as to lay aside every weight, and centre down to the witness for God in their own minds, that so their adorning may not be "that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but that it may be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptable, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is, in the sight of God of great price."

Our Meeting has been introduced into suffering on account of some of our members having given their support to Priests wages, insomuch as to attend meetings where there has been an hireling Ministry, and much concern has prevailed that none should be so unmindful of the sufferings of our Early Friends as to fail to support any of those precious testimonies, which they felt called upon to bear, and for which some of them laid down their lives.

We have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony; and our dear absent sisters, have been from time to time feelingly brought to our remembrance, and desires have been raised that they with us may persevere in

the line of required duty, that thereby we may know an increase of strength and finally receive "the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls."

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid,

by Sarah L. Paddock, Clerk.

The Epistle from New-York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Poplar Ridge; by adjournments, from the 29th. of the Fifth month, to the 31st. of the same, inclusive, 1854.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of New England.

Dear Sisters,

Our hearts have been renewedly refreshed by the reading of your consolatory Epistle of last year; and we were brought into deep sympathy and exercise, that we might so live, and move, and have our being, as truly becometh the followers of a meek, and crucified, and risen Lord, and as partakers together of so great mercy.

And although great have been our trials, and deep our provings, of later time; it has pleased our Heavenly Father at this time of holding our Yearly Meeting, to give us a little earnest of His Good presence to our humbling admiration; feeling wholly insufficient of ourselves for any good word or work: but being again renewed in the firm belief that our sufficiency is of God, and that we must cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Therefore, beloveds, let us turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, and he will assuredly be with us and fight all our battles; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. — And it is the fervent breathing of our spirits, that

we may be willing to learn of Him, who was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; for as we are made partakers with Him in sorrow, we shall be raised with Him in glory: Then let us press forward through the crowd of opposition, with our eye single to the invincible Captain of our salvation, who was never foiled in battle.

We are again bound to acknowledge that He is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.

With the salutation of dear love, we bid you an affectionate Farewell.

Signed, in, and by direction of the aforesaid meeting by

Susanna Hoag, Clerk to the meeting this year.

No further business claiming the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meting of women friends, held in Newport 29th of 3d. month, 1853.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called are both present.

By a minute from the Preparative Meeting, and the following written communication, we are informed that Rachel S. Nichols requests to be admitted a member of our religious Society:- After duly considering the subject, this meeting appoints Martha S. Gould and Hannah Hall, to unite with a committee of men friends to visit her upon the subject of her request, and report their judgment thereon at a future meeting.

" Newport, 3d. month 22d., 1853.

To Newport Preparative Meeting of women Friends.

Dear Friends, Having been convinced of the principles which

you profess, as set forth in the writings of ancient Friends, and also declared in the living testimonies of those who are sent to preach the Gospel among you, and having been permitted through Divine Mercy to "taste and see that the Lord is good," I believe it right for me as the time has fully come, to request you to consider these things and (if in Divine Wisdom it seems best) admit me as a member of your religious Society."

Rachel S. Nichols."

No further business presenting the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

"A Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 26th of 4th month, 1855.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Lydia Ann Gould; whose names being called only one is present.

The joint committee of men and women friends appointed last month to visit Rachel S. Nichols upon the subject of her request have produced the following report;- which has been read, and being united with, both in this and men's meeting; she is accordingly received into membership with us;- and Martha S. Gould is appointed to inform her of the decision of this meeting, and to invite her to take a seat therein, which was done accordingly."

To Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport.

Dear Friends,

We your Committee appointed to confer with Rachel S. Nichols upon the subject of her request report that we have had two opportunities with her to good satisfaction; and

are united in believing that it will be right to receive her as a member of our religious Society.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Henry Gould,
Hannah Hall.

Newport 19th. of 4th month, 1855.

The queries have been read succeeded by answers at large, which being satisfactory to this meeting are directed to be forwarded together with an account to the approaching quarterly meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell; whom we appoint our representatives.

No further business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31st. of 5th. month, 1855.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called are both present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, they both attended, but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

As there is no further business for this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 6th. month, 1855.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Catharine Mitchell, both of whom are present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is absent on account of sick-
=ness;— Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

As there does not appear to be any further business
to claim the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould. Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 7th. month, 1855.

By the account received from the Preparative meet-
=ing the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd; who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd. and 10th. have been read, which being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd and Mary Gould, whom we appoint our represent-
=atives.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould has returned at this time the Certificate granted him in the 7th. month last;- and informed that he has been enabled to accomplish the prospect as therein described to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind- also producing the following minute, from New York Yearly meet-
=ing of Friends; held on Poplar Ridge, by adjournments from the 28th. of the 5th. month, to the 30th. of the same inclusive, 1855;- which is very satisfactory to this meeting, as well as the impressive ac-
=count he has given.

"To Rhode Island Monthly and Quarterly Meeting.

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, in the completion of his religious visit within this, and some of the neigh-
=bouring Yearly meetings; as expressed in a Certificate granted by Rhode Island Monthly meeting, dated the 20th. of 7th. month last, and endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held the 3d.

of 7th. month following, both expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagements; attended the several sittings of this meeting, having previously attended a considerable number of meetings within our limits, appointing several amongst those not of our society:— In all which his company, religious engagements, and gospel services have been to our comfort and edification — much unity and sympathy being felt, and expressed with him therein.

By direction and on behalf of New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Poplar Ridge; by adjournments from the 28th. of 5th. month, to the 30th. of the same, inclusive, 1855.

Amos Battey, Clerk this year.
Susannah Hoag, Clerk this year."

No further business claiming our attention, we conclude.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 30th. of 8th. month, 1855.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould; whose names being called only one is present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported, they both attended; but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No further business appearing we conclude.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 27th. of 9th. month, 1855.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Lydia Mitchell; whose names being called only one is present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve the meeting for the day.

As there does not appear to be any further business we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 25th. of 10th. month, 1855.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell & Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. have been read, and appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting are directed to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching ~~Quarterly Meeting, next~~ to be held at Fall River, by our friends Martha S. Gould, and Catharine Mitchell; whom we appoint our representatives.

We have received at this time a minute from Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held on Grand Isle the 2th. of 9th. month, 1855;— on behalf of our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, expressive of his having attended that meeting and most of the meetings within its limits; and that his company had been acceptable, and his Gospel labours sound & edifying to them; — which information is also satisfactory to this meeting.

Lydia Ann Gould informed this meeting that the time had expired for which she was appointed to serve as Clerk, and that she would be very glad to be released; — This meeting, after considering the subject, is united in purposing her re appointment, and she is accordingly appointed to the service for the year to come, or until another appointment.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 29th of 11th month 1855.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called are both present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports, that she attended; the other has given a satisfactory reason for her absence: they have nothing in charge for this meeting.

No other business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 12th. month, 1855.

An account received from the Preparative Meeting informs us the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould; whose names being called are both present.

We have received at this time the Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes; and an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of women friends for New York, held at Poplar Ridge; but on account of the small number present, the reading of them is deferred until a future meeting.

As there is no refference on our minutes to come before this meeting, nor any business from men friends for us, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 31st. of 1st. month, 1856.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; whose names being called they are both present.

As the Clerk is absent Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

The Queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. have been read at this time, and being considered descriptive of the pres=ent state of our meeting are directed to be forwarded to the approach=ing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North Providence, together with an account, by our friends Catharine R. Boyd, Lydia Mitchell and Hannah Hall, whom we appoint our representatives.

By a reference from last month, it appears that the reading of the Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meet=ing, as well as the Epistle from New-York Yearly Meeting, was de=ferred on account of the small number of our members then pres=ent. They have both been read at this time, and were very satis=factory to this meeting; they are as follows:— Viz.

> At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England, held at Newport on Rhode Island by ad=journments from the tenth of sixth month to the thirteenth of the same, inclusive, 1855.

Having been made renewedly sensible at this time, of our entire dependance on the Great Head of the Church, that it is only as we abide in Christ the living Vine, that we can bring forth any fruit to His praise; we are constrained to acknowledge that He has not been unmindful of us, during this our annual assembly, but that He has condescended, in the riches of His love, to break among us the Bread of Life, to feed us, as with a crumb from His all-bountiful table to the refreshing of our souls, whereby we have been enabled to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us and bring them to a satisfactory result.

A concern has prevailed that we might so centre down individually to the exercise of our own minds, as to witness a preperation for the performance of every work and service in the Church to which we may be called, and so experience a filling up of our ranks in righteousness: — and fervent desires have been raised that we might become as passive clay in the Heavenly Potters hand, willing to be formed into just such vessels, as He sees meet, fitted

and prepared for the Redeemer's Kingdom.

And while we sensibly feel the absence of some of our dear sisters (who have usually mingled with us in our annual assemblies, and been partakers with us, in the various exercises of the meeting, who are now prevented from attending by sickness) and miss their travail of Spirit, yet we are comforted in the remembrance of the gracious promise left us on record, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I, in the midst of them;" and strengthened to believe, that although our meeting is not so large as on some former occasions, we have known something of this promise verified amongst us.

A concern has also been expressed that we may keep in remembrance the ground on which our Yearly meeting was established, and that that, as well as all our meetings for Discipline, might be held, as was said by that eminent Father in the Truth, George Fox, "in the power of God."

That our younger sisters might be encouraged to give heed to the slightest intimations of that Seed, which, if suffered to rise into dominion, would regulate and bring all into subjection to the Yoke of Christ; and they are affectionately entreated to leave all the fascinating things of time and sense, that instead of being conformed to the fashions, customs and maxims of the world, they would then become qualified, when the fathers and mothers are removed from works to rewards, to come forward to fill their places. We then might hope to realize the ancient declaration, that the Church would yet come up out of the wilderness, "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an Army with banners."

While we have been immediate partakers in these solemnities, our absent sisters have been brought very near to our best feelings, sensible that they are the objects of the same merciful regard, fervent desires have been raised that they with us may be incited to faithfulness and dedication in the performance of every religious duty, and in the end, be gathered to the true fold.

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid,
by Sarah S. Paddock, Clerk to the meeting this year.

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New-York held at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County, by adjournments from the 22th. of the Fifth month, to the 30th. of the same, inclusive, 1855.

To New-England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We have, at this time, been renewedly humbled under a sense of our utter inability, of ourselves, to do any thing that will promote the glory and honours of Him, who has condescended in the riches of His love, to grant a little renewal of the panting after that water which alone can satisfy those, who are desirous, above all things else, of drinking of that stream which makes glad the whole heritage of God, and of being baptized with that saving Baptism, which brings all into the unity of the one Spirit, and into the uniting and cementing fellowship of the everlasting Gospel, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, wherein we can salute the whole household of faith, and endeavour to strengthen and encourage each other, to run with patience the race before us, — looking unto Jesus, the "Author and Finisher of all true and living Faith."

We have received your truly acceptable Epistle of Sixth month last, the reading of which seemed like "deep answering unto deep" and may we with you, and you with us, now, after the many deep trials that we have passed through, keep to the Watch-tower, the only sure place wherein the righteous in all ages have ever found safety; and as there has been a willingness to dwell in the everlasting patience; — He whose tender mercies are over all his works, hath made their way in, and through the deeps. — Oh, how marvelously hath he enlarged their dwellings in translating them from the power of darkness into the glorious liberty of the unchangeable truth. Therefore, beloved Sisters, let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering.

In a measure of the love of the Gospel

we salute you, and bid you farewell.

Signed in and by direction of the meeting.

by Susanna Hoag, Clerk.

No further business presenting we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 2nd. month, 1856.

By the account received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Julia Ann Mitchell, whose names being called are present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reports that two of their number attended, but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this:- for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was rendered.

No further business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 3d. month 1856.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, Lydia Ann Gould, only one of whom is present.

No business presenting this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 24th. of 4th. month, 1856.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Catharine Mitchell, whose names being called only one is present;- for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve for the day.

The queries have been read, succeeded by answers at large, which are considered descriptive of the present state of this meeting; and are directed to be forwarded, together with an account, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at East-Greenwich, by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd; whom we appoint our representatives.

A testimony concerning our late beloved, and deeply lamented friend Thomas B. Gould, having been sent in from mens friends, was read, and deliberately considered in this meeting; is fully and feelingly united with; — and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Mitchell
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 29th. of 5th. month, 1856.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hull and Rachel S. Nichols, whose namas being called are both present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve the meeting for the day.

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reports that she attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting; the other was prevented from attending by indisposition.

No other business presenting we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk
for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 26th. of 6th. month, 1856.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine R. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called only one is present.

As no busness was presented to this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 31st. of 7th. month, 1856.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called are both present.

The queries have been read, succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th.; which having been considered, and united with by this meeting; are directed to be forwarded together with an account, to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at this place, by our friends Catharine R. Boyd, and Martha S. Gould; whom we appoint our representatives

No further business presenting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 28th. of 8th. month, 1856.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Julia Ann Mitchell, who are both present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they both attended, but have no charge for this meeting.

No further business coming before us, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 25th. of 9th. month, 1856.

By the ~~account received from~~ the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are both present.

We have received the Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting; and Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Newyork, and Baltimore;— the Extracts have been acceptably reads, and are as follows,— viz.

"During the sittings of this Yearly meeting, our dear absent sisters have been brought to our remembrance, with desires for their as well as our own preservation and establishment in the unchangable Truth; and under the influence thereof, we forward the following Extracts from the minutes;— embracing some of the exercises of the meeting.

In view of our ~~stripped~~ and peeled condition and the many difficulties existing amongst us, our minds have been ~~deply exercised and the~~ language of some of our hearts has been — "Spare thy people, Oh, Lord! and give not thy heritage to reproach." The present has been a season of deep abasedness, with some of us, "a day of clouds & thick darkness," and we have been made renewedly sensible that unless the Light of the Lord shine round about our tabernacle, we cannot journey forwards, or do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth;— and an earnest solicitude

has prevailed that we might individually come down in the spirit of our minds to the only source of help – that we may know Him to be our leader and director, that so all things may be done to His honour.

While the state of Society was under consideration the necessity of Friends living within the bounds of their circumstances, was livingly brought to view, and a desire expressed that we might so centre down to the witness within as clearly to understand the true meaning of living within the bounds of their circumstances, living as becomes the children of God.

Much tender solicitude has been felt for the dear youthy, and they have been affectionately entreated to forsake all the vanities of a vain world, (which perish with the using) and follow a crucified and risen Lord in the way of His requiring – to be careful that the touches of Divine love on the mind may not be dissipated by light conversation, but being abode under, a living exercise for an acquaintance with the Truth, which can be only of and from the Truth itself, may be raised, that thereby they may be fitted and prepared to come forth "to the help of the Lord, – to the help of the Lord against the mighty." – that so there may be a succession of standard bearers in the Church Militant.

Mothers were affectionately encouraged to enter into a close examination and see whether they had fully discharged the duties of their responsible station in restraining the dear offspring committed to their charge, and they were reminded of the judgments permitted to fall upon Eli – on account of the departures of his children from the path of virtue, – because he restrained them ~~not~~ ———————

A memorial concerning our late beloved friend, Thomas B. Gould, has been read at this time, during the reading, and subsequently thereto, great solemnity prevailed over the meeting, under which many minds were tendered, and several weighty testimonies were also borne amongst us, we believe in the power and authority of the Truth.

Several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings are at this time in attendance with us, whose company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable & edifying to us.

Notwithstanding it has been a time wherein we have been deeply humbled under a sense of our own back= =slidings, we have gratefully to commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father in that he hath not been unmind= =ful of us, - but has been pleased in the riches of His love to break among us the bread of life to the refreshing of our Souls, - and enabling us to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us, in harmony - for which, we desire to ascribe all the praise to his great and excellent name, and with gratitude therefor - we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time next year on this Island, if the Lord permit. "

" Extracted from the minutes of New Eng= =land Yearly Meeting of women Friends - held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 14th. of 6th. month, to the 18th. of the same, inclusive, 1856.

Sarah S. Paddock. Clerk."

The reading reading of the Epistles, are deferred for a future meeting.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 30th. of 10th. month, 1856.

By the account received from the preparative meet= =ing the representatives are Catharine Mitchell & Hannah Hall, who are both present.

The Queries have been read, succeeded by answers to the three usually considered at this time, which are satisfactory to this meeting, and are directed to be forwarded, together with our accounts, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd & Hannah Hall, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

The Epistles from Newyork and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, have been read to the comfort and satisfaction of this meeting, which are as follows, — Viz.

From Newyork Yearly meeting of women Friends held at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County — by adjournments from the 26th. of the 5th. month, to the 29th. of the same, inclusive, 1856.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England, to be held at Newport, in Rhode Island.

Dear Sisters,

In the constrainings of pure love we are bound to salute you, feeling you near at this time of our annual assembly desiring that grace, mercy and peace, may be multiplied to you abundantly, who are of the house-hold of faith, and heirs of the promise, that "there remaineth a rest to the people of God."

We have received your received your Epistle of last year, and acknowledge that in it was embodied a sweet draught of Gospel love, binding us together as the heart of one man, even bone of one bone, and flesh of one flesh. We have had the company of several dear friends from other Yearly meetings, who we believe bear about with them marks of the Holy Jesus, and we have been comforted together at this time; and we must acknowledge that the Lord our God, has condescended in a remarkable degree, — to give us an earnest of His good Spirit, — to enable us to transact the business that has come before us, in dear love and condescension, and without boasting, ("for boasting is ex-

excluded) we may say, great is the peace of His children."

Under a fresh feeling at this time, that there is bread enough in the Father's house and to spare, having been mercifully made partakers of a portion, we feel to encourage our dear Sisters, — to a renewed seeking for that which will sustain, and will nourish up the soul to Eternal Life. —

The dear youth also, have been brought near to our best feelings, desiring that they may, in the morning of their days be wrought upon by the inshinings of that Heavenly Light, which shineth in their hearts, cheerfully to submit to whatever is shown them to do, and what to refrain from, and to follow the teachings of the Heavenly Master, that when the Mothers in Israel are removed from the Church Militant, to the Church triumphant; — they may be found as faithful Standard-bearers, and thereby fill the station allotted them by the great head of the Church.

We have been brought into deep sympathy with you beloveds on account of your late bereavements; but have had to remember, that "the earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof; and that He ruleth in Heaven above and in the earth beneath", none can stay his hand, nor may any say unto Him," What doest thou? or why dost thou thus or so? — But, although he cause grief, will he not bind up the broken hearted, and cause such as trust in Him to sing for joy. — And although your beloveds, and those who stood as watchmen on the walls, have been removed as with a stroke, yet we trust you know that the Lord seeth not as man seeth, neither is he wanting in love to you-ward, but as your dependance is on Him alone who can work by few as well as by many, — you will be strengthened out of Zion, and be enabled to say "Great and marvelous are thy works Lord, God, Almighty; just and true are all thy ways, thou King of Saints."

With the salutation of love, we bid you

Farewell, and are your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid — by

Sarah B. Bowerman, Clerk,
to the meeting this year.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nottingham, — for the western Shore of Maryland, Virginia, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania by adjournments from the 22nd. of the 10th. month, to the 24th. of the same inclusive, 1856.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

A salutation of love lives in our hearts to you dear Sisters, and though we offer it, in weakness and fear, we believe we can no longer withhold it, to our own or your profit. Feeling in our stripped and tried condition but little ability to impart counsel to others, we nevertheless desire that the living seed, which we trust is left among us, may be owned by the same spirit wherever found. In simplicity therefore we address you, believing that as you have passed through the same trying dispensation, that has been our portion, in an honest endeavour to maintain, in their purity the doctrines of our predecessors in the Truth, you will be prepared to give us the right-hand of fellowship, and to establish the epistolary correspondence so long interrupted between us.

We sincerely desire to fan no flame from sparks of our own kindling, but by a constant dependance on the alone Helper of His people, may our Epistles be mutually as evidences of His love, whose promise remains fresh at this day; "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I

in the midst of them. With desires that we, with you, may know an establishment on that foundation, — whereon the true Church can alone rest, even Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages, — we are your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the aforesaid meeting —

by Elizabeth R. Balderston.
Clerk.

No further business presenting the meeting concludes.
Lydia Ann Gould. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport 27th. of 11th. month, 1856.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are Rachel A. Nichols and Martha A. Gould; both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present, Martha A. Gould is appointed for the day.

One representative to the Quarterly meeting reports, that they both attended; but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude.
Martha A. Gould, Clerk
for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 25th. of 12th. month, 1856.

The Clerk not being present Martha A. Gould is appointed for the day.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, only one of whom is present.

No business presenting we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport 29th. of 1st. month, 1857.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould; who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. have been read, and considered; and having been approved in this meeting, are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North-Providence, together with our account, by our friends Lydia Mitchell, and Hannah Hall, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

A Certificate of Removal has been presented at this time on behalf of Joseph Brinton, from Sadsbury monthly meeting of Friends; Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which has been read, and after a time of consideration accepted, both in this and men's meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 26th. of 2nd. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called are present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting informed that they attended - but have no business in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business coming before us at at this time, the meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 3d. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

As there is no reference on our minutes to come under consideration, nor any business from men's meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 30th. of 4th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to them all, have been read and having been considered are united with by this meeting, we therefore forward them together with an account, to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at East-Greenwich, by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine R. Boyd, whom we appoint representatives thereto.

Lydia Ann Gould informed the meeting that the time had expired for which she was appointed Clerk, and although she was very desirous of being released, after considering the subject, - this meeting is united in proposing her reappointment to the service, for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

No further business coming under consideration at this time the meeting concludes. — Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held in Newport 28th. of 5th. month, 1857.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is absent, Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

We are informed that the friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting, both attended; but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meting of women friends held in Newport 25th. of 6th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called are both present.

No business presenting for this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held in Newport 30th. of 7th. month, 1857.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; only one of whom is present.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould, is appointed to serve for the day.

The Queries have all been read with answers to the three usually considered in this meeting; which being satisfactory, are directed to be forwarded together with our account to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held

at this place, by our representatives who are, Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 8th. month, 1857.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould, only one of whom is present.

As the Clerk of this meeting is absent Martha S. Gould is appointed for the day.

The representatives appointed last month to attend our late Quarterly Meeting report, they both attended.

As no further business presents to claim the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held in Newport. 24th. of 9th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell and Rachel S. Nichols, whose names being called are both present.

As no business was presented for the considera=tion of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th. of 10th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Hannah Hall; who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the first, second, and tenth, have been read; and approved by this meeting, we therefore transmit them, together with an account, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Martha S. Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No further business appearing to come before this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At a Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 11th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell, unto one of whom is present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting reported, that she attended; but there was no business from that meeting to this.

No business presenting from men's meeting, this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At a Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31st. of 12th. month, 1857.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell; whom names being called are both present.

No business coming under our consideration at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 28th. of 1st. month, 1858.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Rachel S. Nichols, whose names being called one is present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. have been read, and after a time of consideration are united with by this meeting - we therefore transmit them, together with an account to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North Providence, by our friends Hannah Hazard, and Rachel S. Nichols; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

We have received the Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting - and Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Newyork and Baltimore: - the Extracts have been read to the comfort and encouragement of those assembled; - and are as follows, Viz.

> "From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 14th of 6th. month to the 17th. of the same inclusive 1857.
>
> "Gathered again in a Yearly Meeting capacity and our dear absent sisters being brought to our minds, with desires that they might in a measure participate with us in some of the refreshing seasons with which we have been mercifully favoured; we have been constrained "to gather up the fragments," for our mutual comfort and edification, and while we have been introduced into sadness on account of sin existing deficiencies amongst us, we have been renewedly comforted in the belief that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church.
>
> "A lively concern has prevailed that we," Be not conformed to this world, but trans-

transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" — that we may keep our habitations in the Truth; and the language has been sounded among us, "To thy tents Oh Israel! God is thy tent," with the expressed belief, that were we to repair each to our tent, that no divination or enchantment would be suffered to prevail against us.

In several Meetings have the mothers been enjoined to watch over their tender offspring, and to endeavour to guard them from the many temptations incident to the slippery paths of youth, and they have been reminded of the necessity of seeking from Him, who is the inexhaustable fountain of Wisdom and knowledge, for grace sufficient of spiritual strength, that when their children ask for bread they may not "give them a stone," but having bread in their houses, and water in their cisterns, be enabled to hand it forth unto them, and by their counsel and advice encourage them to co-operate with that spirit, which if suffered to have the ascendency in their hearts, will remove from thence, all that the Lord's spirit has a controversy with.

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth with an earnest solicitude that they may bow their necks to the yoke of Christ, renouncing the vanities and pleasures of a sinful world, and turning up their daily cross, since Him who hath said, "My sheep hear my voice and follow me, but the voice of a stranger will they not follow," and thus they would be prepared to come forth and fill the places of those who must ere long be called from works to rewards, and the belief has been expressed that if they would thus yield, they would be made to acknowledge that, "One day in thy courts is better than a thousand." — They have been impressively reminded of the great danger in delaying so important a work as the salvation of their souls, and the awfulness of that state has been alluded to, wherein the Lord should cease to strive with them by his spirit, and a fear has seemed to prevail, that the gracious invitations of a compassionate Saviour will not be many times repeated to some, but that unless they do submit to the requisitions of their Divine Master, others will be called in, to take their places, and "the hedge broken down, from around those, who had they been

faithful, might have been trees of renown in the house of the Lord.

Lively and instructive memorials from South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved Friends John and Lydia Wilbur, and Thomas Foster deceased, were produced and read to our satisfaction and comfort, and the desire was begotten in "many hearts" — "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like Theirs." — And as this can only be attained unto, by living the life of the righteous, we would encourage us all to pass forward in the pathway of holiness that when it may be said, "Steward give up thy stewardship," we may render an account with joy, having a well grounded belief that through the merits of God, there is laid up for us a Crown of Righteousness.

Notwithstanding we met together at this time under feelings of great poverty, we have to acknowledge, that through the merciful condecention of our Holy Head, we have been favoured to transact the weighty concerns which come before us in sisterly harmony, and with feelings of thankfulness therefor conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid:
Sarah S. Paddock, Clerk to the meeting this year.

The reading of the Epistles is deferred until a future meeting.

No further business claiming the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Newport, 25th of 2nd month, 1858.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, — who are both present.

One of the representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting informed that she attended, - but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this; the other is not present.

As this meeting is very small the reading of the Epistles is deferred until next month.

Having transacted the business which has come before us, - we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport 25th. of 3d. month, 1858.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Rachel S. Nichols, who are both present.

By a reference from last month the reading of the Epistles from New York, and Baltimore Yearly Meetings; were deferred on account of the small number present - they have both been acceptable read in this meeting, and are as follows - viz.

"From New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County New York - by adjournments from the 25th. of 5th. month, to the 2d th. of the same inclusive, 1857.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, to be held at Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Sisters,

Although poverty, yea, great strippedness abounds in our midst; - and we have nothing but love, that love and comforting Gospel tenderness, which is begotten of the Father to communicate unto you, yet we do feel bound in the same bundle of life, - and are partakers together of the same unchanging condescending kindness of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd - and so have been remembered through the everlasting truths of our blessed Lord and Master's saying "Without me

ye can do nothing" — but we are also assured, dear Sisters, that in Him and through Him — we can do all things, that he may, in infinite Wisdom rejoice at our hands, and, — that as we keep our eye single unto Him, through the various trials He permits, who knows what is best suited to bring into entire Oneness to Him; — He will make hard things easy, and bitter things sweet; — and will enable us, — by His life-giving presence "to run through a Troop — and leap over a Wall" — and at length to sing His praise on the banks of deliverance.

For the beloved youth especially, both with you and us, has deep travail of soul been felt; — that as the great responsibility of holding up a pure, unmixed and living testimony for the ever blessed Truth, must soon devolve upon them, they may most earnestly, and with full purpose of heart, — seek an acquaintance with their God, — for he loves an early sacrifice; — and such as give ear to the Word of the Lord in early life escape a multitude of hindering and besetting sins, incident to the slippery paths of youth. And dear young Sisters, suffer the word of exhortation; — not to linger with flesh and blood, for it will most assuredly have a weakening effect upon your tender minds; — but bring your whole hearts to the feet of the Blessed Master — with all that His Holy controversy is against, — however near and dear, it may, for the present seem to be, for surely He is a rich rewarder of all who diligently seek and serve Him, and will in his own time, — restore four-fold into your bosoms; — but dear Sisters, — remember, "now is the day of salvation," — "to-day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts;" — For such dedication, the Mother's will rejoice, and it would tend to the refreshing of the whole heritage.

In conclusion, dearly beloved's one and all, to whom the blessed cause of truth and righteousness is dear, — let us press on through the crowds of oppression and opposition, which may lie in our way, firmly relying in Him, who has said; "In the world ye shall have tribulation, — but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," — and also the encouraging

language "Fear not little flock, it is our Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received, and read among us at this time, to our edification and instruction; and we are renewedly sensible that such epistolary correspondence is strengthening like as a cord love, drawing and binding together hearts dedicated to the Lord.

There has been a general attendance of members at this time, and we have had the company of several friends from other Yearly Meetings, which has been encouraging to us.

In the bonds of Christian love we salute you, and are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting,
by Sarah B. Bowerman, Clerk.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women friends, held at West Nottingham, — by adjournments, from the 20th of 10th. month, to the 22nd. of the same inclusive, 1856.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, to be held at Newport.

Dear Sisters,

We received your acceptable Epistle of 6th month last, — the reading of which has been to our consolation and encouragement. Though we met on this occasion in weakness and fear, yet we may acknowledge the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, in that we have not been left without evidence of His presence amongst us.

Oh! that we may be enabled to hold fast to that we have received and known, and that where-unto we have attained; — then may we hope to increase in the knowledge of the Lord and of the things that pertain to Eternal Life. We may remember, — it was the faithful Joshua and Caleb, who maintained their allegiance to the

Lord, — unflinchingly, who were permitted to enter the promised land, — and may it, dear Friends, be the daily and abiding concern both of you and us, to continue faithful to the cause we cause have espoused, — that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature shall be able to seperate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord; — that so having our lamps trimed, and our lights burning, we may indeed be as a City set on a hill that cannot be hid, as fruit bearing branchis of the living Vine, bringing forth fruit to the honour and praise of the great husbandman.

It is truly encourageing to know that there are in other Yearly Meetings, those with whom we have fellowship in the unchangeable Truth; and that the channel of correspondence has been re-opened with same. ——

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by the direction of the meeting —

Elizabeth P. Balderson, Clerk.

The business which has come before us having been brought to a close; we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 29th of 4th month, 1858.

By the account recived from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Martha S. Gould; who are with present.

The queries succeeded by answers to them all, have been read, and after a time of deliberation are approved in this meeting; it therefore directs them to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich; — by our friends

Catharine K. Boyd, and Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint representatives thereto.

No further business coming under our consideration at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women-friends held at Newport 27th. of 5th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called are present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting reported that she was prevented from attending by indisposition, the other was present, but has nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business claiming the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women-friends held at Newport 24th. of 6th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Lydia Mitchell, whose names being called only one is present.

No business claiming the attention of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th. of 7th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

The queries with answers annexed to the first, second, and tenth have been read, and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at this place, by our friends Hannah Tall, Martha S. Gould, and Catharine K. Boyd, whom we appoint representatives thereto.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time had expired for which she was appointed to serve this meeting as Clerk, and that she was very desirous of being released, — after considering the subject friends are united in proposing her reappointment to the service for the year to come, or until another appointment.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 8th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present, Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives appointed by our last monthly meeting to attend the Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business presenting at this time we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk of the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 9th. month, 1858.

By the account mined from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

A minute has been sent in from the men's meeting expressive of their unity with our friend Joseph Brinton's accompanying Nathan Page in his proposed visit amongst Friends and others, within the limits of New-York yearly meeting of Friends. This meeting unites therein in unity with the concern, and directs the Clerk to sign the minute prepared for him, by men friends.

The business that has come before this meeting, having been brought to a close, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 10th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Catharine Mitchell, - who are both present.

The queries with answers to the 1st. - 2nd. - and 10th. have been read, and approved in this meeting, we therefore forward them together with an account to the ensueing Quarterly meeting next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd and Rachel L. Nichols, whom we appoint our representatives hereto.

No other business coming before this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 11th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Martha S. Gould, whose names being called, only one is present – for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was assigned.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that she attended; – but received no charge from that meeting to this: – the other did not attend, but has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th of 12th. month, 1858.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Catharine Mitchell; only one of whom is present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The Clerk not being present, Martha S. Gould, is appointed for the day.

We have received at this time a minute from Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, dated 8th month 11th. 1858; – also one from Hector Monthly meeting, dated 11th. month, 12th. 1858; on behalf of our friend Joseph Brindon, who accompanied our friend Nathan Page in his late religious visit within the limits of said meetings – by which it appears that his company and deportment were satisfactory to friends.

No further business coming before us at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport 27th. of 1st. month, 1859.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd and Rachel S. Nichols, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth; have been read, and being approved by this meeting are directed to be forwarded, together with our account to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at North Providence, by our friends Martha S. Gould and Rachel S. Nichols; whom we appoint representatives.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New-York and Baltimore have been received: — The Extracts, and the Epistle from Baltimore have been acceptably read — and are as follows, Viz.

"From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th. of 6th. month, to the 16th. of the same, inclusive, 1858.

"While favoured to assemble once more in this our annual assembly, our dear absent sisters have been afresh brought to our remembrance, with desires that they might be partakers with us in these seasons when, we humbly trust, He who is Head over all things to his Church, hath designed to water the heritage to the refreshment of the hearts contrited before Him.

We have renewedly felt our inability of ourselves, to transact the weighty affairs of the Church, and desires have been begotten that we might wait at Wisdom's gate, to know the arising of that Life which would qualify for every work and service, — that we might "dig deep and lie low" — that we may know the mind of Truth in all our deliberations, that so our meetings might be conducted under the Power and authority thereof, — and

while we are sensible of our many backslidings, and of the many deficiencies apparent among us, we have cause to believe that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church, — that He is still mindful of us, and will as we cleave unto Him, be "strength in our weakness, riches in our poverty, and a present help in the needful time."

An apprehension has been felt that lukewarmness too generally prevails, — that though there is no lack at the Fountain, yet the streams are very low, and a fervent desire was expressed that we might be willing to search out the obstructions, even by the Light of the Holy Spirit, so that, that which is unfruitful to the rubbish may be removed, and there may be a free circulation from vessel to vessel, — yet a belief has been feelingly expressed that a remnant has lain in low places, being ready to cry, — "A Saviour or I die, a Redeemer or I perish forever," who would as they kept low before Him receive "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

The dear youth have been affectionately entreated to take up their cross in the morning of their days, for "the Lord loveth an early sacrifice," — and not spend the prime of life in a vain pursuit of pleasure in the things of time and sense, lest He cease His strivings with them, or length of days be not granted them.

An earnest solicitude has prevailed that all classes among us may abide under His Power "whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem" — that so, Judges may be raised up as at the first, and Counsellors as at the beginning.

While it hath pleased Him "who doeth all things well," — to remove from works to rewards — those with whom we have taken sweet counsel; and walked to the house of God in company, and their loss is deeply felt, — yet we are consoled in believing that there are those among us, even in the younger walks of life, who are under the preparing hand of the Lord for service, and if not marred on the wheels, will

come forth from the Potter, vessels filled for the Master's use.

Extracted from the minutes,

Sarah S. Paddock, Clerk

To the Meeting this year.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Nottingham, by adjournments from the 19th. of the 10th. month, to the 21st. of the same inclusive, 1857.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode Island, for New England.

Dear Friends,

Deeply humbled under a sense of our unworthiness, we nevertheless feel bound to acknowledge the extention of Divine regard at this time in a Yearly Meeting capacity. Your acceptable Epistle of 5th. month last, has been read amongst us, we trust, to our edification. Well do we know that it is only by faith in Him who extended His hand to Peter when he began to sink, that we can be supported in the flood of trials that threaten to overwhelm us as a people. Sad indeed have the hearts of many of us been of late time in beholding the stripped condition of our poor Society, covered as it were with thick darkness, so that there is much cause for lamentation, yet the encouraging language of our Saviour, "I will be with you, I will not leave you comfortless, I go to prepare a place for you;"— sometimes cheers us on our way, and enables us to hold up our heads in hope. We can but believe that the Truth is the same now that ever it was, and if we are sufficiently desirous to abide in it, we will be supported, and in time know our hands strengthened, so that there may in these our days, be a restoration to that Life and Power within our borders, which once caused the hearts of the people to rejoice, and sing praises to the Lord for all His wondrous works.

The cup of bitterness, which has been given

us to drink of, even to the dregs, can and will be sweetened by our Heavenly Father, if we in confidence ask a blessing of Him; - "Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

We dear Sisters, as these few words have arisen for you, we desire with you to know a true asking aright, that at the end of our pilgrimage, we may all be prepared, through the merits of a crucified, but risen Lord, for an entrance within the Pearl Gates.

We have with us the company of our friend Nathan Page, from your Yearly Meeting which is acceptable to us. With love we are your Sisters in the Truth.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting
by Elizabeth R. Balderson, Clerk.

The reading of the Epistle from New-york, is deferred until a future meeting.

No other business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held in Newport 29th. of 2nd. month, 1859

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Martha S. Gould, whose names being called are not present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed to serve for the day.

We are informed that only one of the friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives from this meeting, was present, who had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude. Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women Friends, held at Newport 31st. of 3d. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives the representatives therein named are Lydia Mitchell and Rachel S. Nichols, who are both present.

The Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting (the reading of which was deferred in the final month last) has been read at this time; it is as follows Viz.

From New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pipler Ridge - Cayuga County, by adjournments from the 24th. of the 5th. month - to the 26th. of the same inclusive, 1858.

To the next Yearly Meeting of women Friends, to be held at Newport, on Rhode Island, for New England.

Dear Sisters,

As professors of the One Faith, even the saving Faith of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, - we feel renewedly drawn to salute you in the language of the Apostle, - "May grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you abundantly", - for although we are a poor stripped people, who have nothing of our own wherewith to minister, but feel our great need to be ministered unto, yet we can most humbly acknowledge that this grace is sufficient for us in the depths of trials and temptations, - and that He, the Captain of our Salvation remains to be a present Helper in the needful time. Let us, therefore, beloved Friends, - look unto Him, for of a truth, those who trust in Him, shall not be confounded; - but as their dependance on man is broken up and placed on the immutable Rock, Christ Jesus, they shall have the Light of Life; for He is indeed our only refuge in these deeply trying and searching times.

And oh! dearly beloved Friends, let none of us settle into forms, which without the Life, - have a tendency to benumb that lowly precious Life; and as we keep the eye single

to the Light of Christ, which is the true Light, – it will enable us to vanquish the enemy of our soul's peace, and give us a precious sight of what is required at our hands; – but when we attempt to move without this Light; which has been compared to a lamp unto the feet, – we are in danger of stumbling on the dark mountains. But, beloveds, we are persuaded better things of you, and things accompanying salvation, for we hope and trust that both you and we may be perfected through suffering; and may still endeavor after a willingness to abide in the furnace 'till the Great Refiner shall have perfected His image in us, – and His will becomes ours.

We have at this time, received a precious testimony of true Christian love from you, which has been read among us to our comfort and encouragement, – and we feel bound to you as in the bundle of life.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the meeting.

By Sarah B. Bowerman
Clerk, to the meeting this year.

No other business coming under our consideration, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

A Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th of 4th month, 1859.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Hannah Hall, and Rachel S. Nichols, – whose names being called, only one is present.

The Queries succeeded by answers to them all, has been read, and being approved by this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with our account, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, and Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No other business presenting at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 5th. month, 1859.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould, is appointed to that service for the day.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend our late Quarterly Meeting, at East Greenwich, report that they both attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

We have been informed by men friends, that they have concluded to change the hour of holding our week day meeting, on fifth day of Yearly Meeting week, from Eleven, to Ten O'clock; with which conclusion this meeting unites.

No further business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31th. of 6th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols; — whose names being called only one is present.

Men friends informed that the subject of changing the time of holding our meetings for worship had been proposed, and that with the concurrence of this meeting they had concluded that they should commence, both on first and fifth days, at half past ten, instead of Eleven Oclock, — from the present time until the first of next ninth month. — with which conclusion, after considering the subject, we unite.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport, 28th. of 7th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Rood, and Rachel S. Nichols, whose names being called only one is present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 11th., have been read, and being satisfactory to this meeting are directed to be forwarded to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at this place, together with an account, by our friends Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould, whom we have appointed representatives.

No other business presenting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport, 25th. of 8th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Catharine K. Bond; whose names being called over one is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting informed that they both attended - but were not commissioned with any charge from that meeting to this.

No further business coming before this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Anny Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Newport 29th. of 9th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell & Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is not present Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve in her stead, for the day.

No further business appearing to claim our attention at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 10th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 11th. - have been read and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with our account, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends, Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, whom we appoint our representatives.

The subject of the appointment of Overseers for this met

meeting, having been proposed for consideration, claimed its attention – and after a time of deliberation the reappointment of Martha S. Gould, and Catharine Mitchell, was proposed and united with; – and they are accordingly appointed to the service for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time had expired for which she was appointed to serve the meeting as Clerk, and that she would be glad to be released; – After considering the subject, Friends seem united in the proposal of her reappointment to the service, for the year ensueing, or until another appointment.

No other business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport 24th. of 11th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Martha S. Gould, who are both present.

The Friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting as our representatives report, they both attended, but were not commissioned with any charge to this meeting.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meting, and an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women friends, held at Nottingham, have been received, and acceptably read in this meeting; they are as follows, Viz.

" At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island, for New-England, by adjournments from the 12th. of 6th. month, to the 15th. of the same inclusive, 1859.

" During some of the sittings of this our annual assembly, our minds have been sensibly impressed with the consideration of the nature and importance of the subjects brought before us, and a solicitude has been felt that we may be dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit, as to know what is the mind thereof: and under the prevalence of this feeling, our minds have been drawn towards our dear absent sisters, we trust with living desires that they with us may know a firm establishment, on the only sure foundation; — Christ Jesus our Lord.

" Although sensible of the many deficiencies still existing amongst us, — yet with grateful hearts we have to acknowledge the wing of ancient and everlasting Goodness has been mercifully spread over us, and we are comforted with a little hope that we are still under the notice and regard of Him, who never said to the wrestling seed of Jacob, " Seek ye my face in vain."

A little capacity has been mercifully afforded to travail for the welfare of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders, and fervent desires have been expressed that we may individually be made willing more and more to submit to the restraining influence of the Love of God; and thus realize " the work of righteousness to be peace, and the effect thereof quietness and assurance for ever;" — " and that Jerusalem, is indeed, a quiet habitation; a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall one of the cords thereof be broken." The solemn injunction of our Dear Redeemer, " What I say unto you, I say unto all, — Watch," has been revived in our hearing, with desires that we may stand continually upon the Watch-tower in the day time, and sit in our wards whole nights;" that we may hear when the Lord shall speak unto us, and what we shall answer when we are reproved.

Our young friends have been affectionately entreated to yield their hearts unreservedly unto Him who died for them that they might live; — to listen attentively to the voice of that blessed Teacher, who cannot be removed into a corner, that thereby they may be preserved from the vanities of the world.

They have been reminded of the precious privileges they enjoy as members of this religious Society; — and encouraged to cleave steadfastly to the principles and testimonies thereof. That so they may become useful members of the Church — not frustrating the hope of their older brethren and sisters, that instead of the Father's, there may be the sons, and instead of the Mothers, the daughters, who through obedience & faithfulness to the manifestations of the spirit may be prepared for the Lord's work and service.

Notwithstanding we met together under feelings of poverty, and great discouragement, we have been favoured to transact the business that has come before us, we trust, in a spirit becoming our Christian profession; and with desires that we may so keep our habitations in the Truth as to be enabled to distinguish the voice of the True Shepherd, "and know what is that good, and perfect, and acceptable will of God concerning us," we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Mary S. Mitchell, Clerk to the meeting this year.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Sellingham by adjournments from the 18th. of 10th. month to the 20th. of the same inclusive, 1851.

To New England Yearly meeting of Women Friends to be held at Newport on Rhode Island.

Dear Friends,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of 6th. month last, the contents of which have tended to bind you more closely to us in religious fellowship, feeling as we do that the blessed Head of His Church, has been pleased to

over your assemble, and vouchsafe His loving kindness towards you, gathering your spirits into a contrite waiting before Him for His life giving presence.

We must have been our desires in this our annual assembly, that we may not cease to draw nigh unto Him, craving for fresh supplies from His bountious table, for that bread which alone nourishes the soul, seeking for that Wisdom "which is profitable to direct in all things," causing our oft drooping minds to realize that "He is a present help in every needful time."

Various are the conflicts and trials permitted to attend us from season to season, in this day of treading down and of deluge, sweeping away so many from the true principles held by our forefathers in the Truth; wherein we are made to query "who is sufficient for these things."

But let us not faint by the way, nor give up the warfare against our spiritual enemies, for the "crown" is at the end of the race to all those who follow the Master through evil, as well as good report.

There is a consciousness with some of us that He is not a hard Master, and we feel a sweet flowing of love towards our many friends amongst you, in particular to encourage such, to taste for themselves and see "that He is good;" — Yes, boundless are His tender mercies towards such as are willing to take up their daily cross, and follow Him; and He will enable all that are willing to come unto Him in true humility of heart, to become partakers of the reality of those precious promises contained in the records of Holy Writ.

With a salutation of love we bid you farewell; and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
by Elizabeth R. Balderson, Clerk.

No other business coming before us, we conclude.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of women friends, held at Newport the 29th. of 12th. month, 1859.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell; – only one of whom is present.

No business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 26th. of 1st. month, 1860.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell; who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st. 2nd., and 11th. have been read, and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account, to the ensueing Quarterly meeting next to be held at North-Providence, by our friends, Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould, – whom we appoint representatives.

No other business appearing, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 23d. of 2nd. month, 1860.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed for the day.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols; only one of whom is present.

The representatives appointed at our last monthly meeting to attend the late

Quarterly Meeting, report that they both attended, but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

There does not appear to be any further business to claim our attention at this time.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th. of 3d. month, 1860.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Lydia Mitchell; who are both present.

No business appearing for this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 4th. month, 1860.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell is appointed for the day.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to them all, have been read, and after a time of deliberation are approved by this meeting, it therefore directs them to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Mitchell, whom we appoint representatives thereto.

No further business coming under our consideration at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31st. of 5th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve in her stead for the day.

No business presenting the meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 6th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Julia Ann Mitchell, and Lydia Mitchell, only one of whom is present.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve the meeting for the day.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Caleb Fregg who produced a satisfactory minute from Lynn monthly meeting of Friends (Iowa,) dated 4th. month 20th., and endorsed by Salem, Quarterly meeting, held at Lynn, 21st. of 4th. month, 1861; - expressive of his being a minister in unity with them, and their unity and sympathy with him in his present religious engagment. His visit and gospel labours have been satisfactory and encouraging to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign such returning minute as our men friends may prepare on his behalf.

This meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 7th. month, 1860.

By the account from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould, both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is not present Martha S. Gould is appointed to the service for the day.

All the queries, with answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. have been read at this time, and being considered descriptive of our present condition are directed to be forwarded, with a copy of this minute, to our approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held in Newport, by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Rachel S. Nichols, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting, have reported at this time, that they both attended.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 8th. month, 1860.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine R. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols; both of whom are present.

The Clerk being again absent on account of sickness, Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve for the day.

One representative, appointed to attend our late Quarterly meeting informs that one of them was prevented by indisposition; the other attended, but had nothing in charge for this meeting.

No further business appearing to claim our attention at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 9th. month, 1860.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

No business presenting for this meeting, – we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 10th. month, 1860.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Catharine K. Boyd; who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth; having been read and deliberated upon, are approved by this meeting; it therefore directs them to be forwarded, together with our account, to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Catharine K. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols; whom we have appointed representatives thereto.

No other business coming under the consideration of this meeting necessary to be recorded, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th. of 11th. month, 1860.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting, as our representatives from this, reports, they both attended; and have presented

to this meeting the Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes, and an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly meeting of women friends; — but as this meeting is unusually small the reading of them is deferred until next month.

No other business coming under our consideration at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport the 27th. of 12th. month, 1860.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell; whose names being called are both present.

The Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes, and an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, of women friends, held at Nottingham, received last month, have been acceptably read at this time; — they are as follows, Viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, for New England; by adjournments from the 5th. of 6th. month, to the 13th. of the same inclusive, 1860.

"While gathered on this important and solemn occasion, even to transact the affairs of the Church, earnest have been the desires of many that all should be done to the glory and to the praise of Him who first gathered us to be a people, and in the prevalence of that love which characterises the disciples of Christ, and constitutes the bond of Gospel fellowship, our dear absent sisters have claimed our remembrance; and we feel to acknowledge for your encouragement, that the Lord hath not forgotten to be gracious unto us, neither hath He in anger towards us (for our many backslidings) shut up His tender mercies. He hath mercifully at times shown Himself to be

in our midst, and both immediately and instrumentally handed forth of the precious bread of life, wherein our droop-ing spirits have been a little revived and we encouraged to renew our confidence in Him who is the unfailing strength of His people. Great has been the exercise of some minds on account of the declensions which are so apparent within our borders, and all have been exhorted to a greater dedication of heart, to a more full submission to the requirings of our Divine and spiritual Guide, that so there may continue to be a living Church, composed of living members, of which Christ Jesus will be the Head. Then have we been encouraged to believe there will be judges raised up as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning, who will prefer Jerusalem to their chief joy."

We have been again and again entreated to keep a single eye to the pointings of our Divine Master, not lean-ing upon man for help, but by deep indwelling know our habita-tions to be in the Lord, and by a consistency of conduct and conver-sation convince others that we are not following cunningly devised fables, but the living and substantial truths; being able at the same time to hold out to them the encouraging language of, "Come brother, come sister, let us go up to the house of the Lord, to the mountain of the God of Jacob, He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths."

Much precious counsel has been imparted to our young sisters, and they encouraged to seek the Lord for their portion and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheri-tance, that so they may be enabled to bear the Cross despising the shame knowing their adorning to be not that outward adorn-ing of plaiting the hair, of wearing of gold, or of putting on of appar-el, but the hidden man of the heart in that which is not cor-ruptable; even that of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of the Lord, is of great price.

We have thankfully to acknowl-edge that He who is Head over all things to His Church and people, has not been unmindful of us during this our annual

assemble, but has been graciously pleased at times to overshadow us with His love, and under a grateful sense thereof we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next, if consistent with His will.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

Sarah S. Paddock,
Clerk to the meeting this year.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nottingham from the 24th. of 11th. month to 27th of the same 1859.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends,

You have been freshly brought to our remembrance at this time, by the reading of your acceptable epistle of 8th. month last, and we can but acknowledge, that we hesitate to address our absent sisters in this way, lest we run in our own will, and weaken the cause which we wish to strengthen; but while we are sensible of great spiritual leanness, we feel that to keep back that which may arise for you, would tend to poverty of the vine-dembearers among you and us.

We can feelingly own that the wing of ancient goodness has been felt to spread over our little company at this season of much despondency, to the comfort of the mourners who had been ready to explain "who shall show us any good?" Oh! may we not give out or faint by the way, though our path be through frowns and reproaches.

The Lord alone can keep us — the Lord alone is worthy. Let us keep lowly and humble; our blessed Saviour was meek and lowly of heart: he passed through many trials, yet he never murmured or complained: — He was led as a lamb to the

slaughter; yet He prayed; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." If we suffer affliction, then let us count it all joy, so that we win Christ.

With the salutation of love we are your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting,
by Elizabeth R. Balderson, Clerk.

This meeting concludes.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport the 31st. of 1st. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives therein named are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed for the day.

All the queries with answers to the first, second, and tenth; have been read at this time, which we consider descriptive of our present condition, and therefore forward them to our approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North Providence, by our friends Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No further business presenting, we conclude.
Martha S. Gould, Clerk, for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 2nd. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, only one is present, — the other was prevented from attending by sickness in the family.

One of the representatives to the late Quarterly meeting reports, they both attended, but were not commissioned with any charge to this meeting.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time for which she was appointed to serve this meeting as clerk had expired, the subject has claimed its attention; and although she was very desirous of being released, after considering the subject, friends appear to be united in proposing her reappointment to the service, for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

No other business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 3d month, 1861.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols, who are both present.

No business was presented for this meeting, we therefore conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 4th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Hannah Hazard, only one of whom is present.

As the Clerk is absent, Martha S. Gould is appointed to the service for the day.

All the queries with answers to each, have been read at this time, and being satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East-Greenwich, by our friends Catharine R. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols,

whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No further business presenting at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 5th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould; both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present, on account of sickness, Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve the meeting for this time.

One of the representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting, reported that they both attended, but had nothing in charge from that meeting, to this.

The meeting concludes.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 27th. of 6th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd, both of whom are present.

As the Clerk is again absent, on account of sickness, Martha S. Gould is appointed in her stead, for the day.

No further business appearing to claim the attention of this meeting we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 7th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Catharine K. Boyd; who are both present.

The queries, succeeded by answers to the first, second, and tenth have been read; and appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting are directed to be forwarded together with an account, to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at this place by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould, whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th of 8th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Rachel S. Nichols, both of whom are present.

The Clerk not being present Lydia Mitchell has served the meeting as ~~Clerk for the day~~.

As neither of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting are present, we have no information therefrom.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Lydia Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 9th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Ann Gould; both of whom are present.

The friends appointed to attend

the Quarterly meeting in the 8th. month, as our representatives, being present, report to this meeting, that they attended, & that nothing in charge to this meeting.

No other business coming under our consideration, this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31st. of 10th. month, 1861.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Catharine K. Boyd, who are both present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. having been read, are satisfactory to this meeting, therefore, it directs them to be forwarded to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, with our account, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Rachel S. Nichols, and Catharine K. Boyd; who are appointed to attend as our representatives.

No other business appearing, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 28th. of 11th. month, 1861.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting as our representatives informs that they both attended, and have presented the Extracts from our last Yearly meetings minutes; and an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly meeting of women friends, held at Nottingham; The reading of them is deferred until next month.

By a minute from the preparative meeting we are informed that the committee appointed to confer with some friends

to serve this meeting as Overseers, have proposed the re-appointment of Martha S. Gould, and the appointment of Catharine K. Boyd in the place of Catharine Mitchell, who requested to be released: — After considering the subject this meeting unites with the re-appointment of Martha S. Gould to the service, and she is accordingly appointed for the succeeding year, or until another appointment shall be made — But as Catharine K. Boyd declines to accept the appointment proposed by the preparative meeting, the further consideration of the subject is deferred until next month.

The business of this meeting having been brought to a close, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th of 12th month, 1861.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Martha S. Gould; whose names being called, only one is present; for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The appointment of a suitable friend to serve as Overseer, in the place of Catharine Mitchell, being called up by a reference from last month, has claimed our attention; — after considering the subject her re-appointment to the service, for the ensueing year, was proposed; — but as she is not present, this meeting concludes to defer the decision of the case until a future meeting.

The Extracts from our last Yearly meeting's minutes, and the Epistle from Baltimore Yearly meeting of women friends, have been acceptably read in this meeting; They are as follows. Viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women-friends for New-England, held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 17th of 6th month, to the 19th of the same inclusive, 1861.

"While gathered once more for the important purpose

of transacting the affairs of the militant church, our dear absent sisters have been feelingly brought to mind, and desires have been raised that they might partake with us in those seasons when He who is "strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present help in the needful time", might condescend to hand forth from His bountiful table, a portion of that food which alone is able to afford sustenance to the hungering soul, and nourish it unto eternal life.

Intercessions have arisen from off the altar of contrite hearts, that He who has been the support of generations past, and will remain to be the support of generations yet to come would send "help from His holy sanctuary and strengthen us out of Zion," that the hands that are ready to hang down with weakness may be strengthened, the feeble knees confirmed, and we enabled to become as passive clay in the Heavenly Potter's hand.

We have been livingly reminded of the necessity of dwelling low that we might know the power of Truth to be the authority of our meetings for discipline, and our wills lost in the Divine Will; that the spirit of true discernment might so rest upon us that the living child might be given to the true mother.

And while we have been affectionately entreated to watch continually that no unsavoury offering be presented, those who have been called of the Lord to labour in His vineyard have been encouraged to follow Him, the Captain of their souls salvation, in the way cast up before them, notwithstanding the many discouragements in this day of deep proving.

Although sackcloth has been the chief covering of our spirits, we believe He who ever watcheth over his people and knoweth in whose hearts it is faithfully to serve Him, hath in the plenitude of His loving kindness, been graciously pleased to be with His suffering seed, contrite their hearts before Him.

Earnest have been our desires during during the several sittings of this our annual gathering, that He who has promised that "for the sighing of the poor, and the crying of the needy, He will arise" would be graciously pleased to guide us with His counsel and endue us with wisdom from above, to enable us to transact the

business that should come before us, in a spirit becoming our christian profession; and we can reverently and gratefully acknowledge that He has made Himself known among us from time to time, to the refreshing of our spirits and confirming of our faith in Him, the crown of all right gathered assemblies, under a solemn sense of which, we conclude, purposing to meet again on this island, in the sixth month next if the Lord permit.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

Martha D. Gould, Clerk to the meeting this year.

From Baltimore Yearly meeting of Women Friends, held at Nottingham, by adjournments from the 22nd. of 10th month, to the 25th. of the same inclusive, 1860.

To the next Yearly meeting of women Friends, to be held at Newport, on Rhode Island.

Dear Sisters,

We can in measure respond to the feeling of poverty and humiliation evinced in the language of your acceptable salutation of 6th. month last – for is it not a "day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity."

Conscious as we are that our name is as a by-word and a reproach among the people – we cannot be willing to lower the standard which we as a society have been endeavouring to support before the world.

In a feeling of the weakness which is around and amongst us, the language which arises in the hearts of some, has been similar to that of Gideon formerly; when called upon to fight the battles of the Lord, he exclaimed – "behold my family is poor in Manassah, and I am the least in my fathers house – Yet the answer to him was, – Surely I will be with thee."

May we all dear sisters, be concerned, first to try the place we stand on, and prove an assurance that the Lord is on our side: – and then as we stand in our several places, we have nothing to fear – for strong-

stronger is the Lord than multitudes of people; even yet is he able to send by whomsoever he will send, and to enable "one to chase a thousand and two to put ten thousand to flight" of the armies of the aliens.

With the salutation of love, and desires that we may unitedly know an establishment upon the sure foundation, Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages, we bid you affectionately farewell, and are your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting,
by Lydia Waring. Clerk to the meeting
this year.

This meeting concludes.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerks.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Women friends, held at Newport, 30th of 1st. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould, only one is present:- but for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was given.

The queries succeeded by answers to the three usually answered at this time, have been read,- and being satisfactory to this meeting are directed to be forwarded, together with an account, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North Providence, by our friends Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are appointed to attend as our representatives.

No other business coming before us, we conclude.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 2nd. month, 1862.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell; whose names being called are present.

The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting as our representatives, have reported that they were prevented from attending; - and the reasons assigned by them for their non-attendance, are satisfactory to this meeting; - consequently we have no official account therefrom.

No other business appearing, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport, 27th. of 3d. month, 1862.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Mitchell, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are both present.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time for which she was appointed to serve as Clerk had expired - and that she was desirous of being released; - the subject having claimed the consideration of the meeting, it proposes her reappointment; which being united with, she is accordingly appointed for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

The meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 22nd of 4th. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives are Sarah Carr, and Rachel S. Nichols - whose names being called only one is present.

The queries succeeded by answers to them all, having been read, and appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting,

are directed to be transmitted (together with an account,) to the approaching Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich; to our friends, Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are appointed our representatives thereto.

No other business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 29th. of 5th. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as our representatives, report; they both attended; but were not commissioned with any charge from that meeting to this.

By a minute of 12th. month last; it appears that the re-appointment of Catharine Mitchell to the service of Overseer was proposed — but on account of her absence the decision of the case was deferred until a future meeting; — she is now present; and the proposition has been revived — when, after considering the subject, this meeting unites with her re-appointment for the year to come, or until another appointment.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th ~~of 6th month, 1862~~.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd; whose names being called only one is present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason was assigned.

No other business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 31st. of 7th. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould, whose names being called are present.

The queries succeeded by answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 11th. have been read, and appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded together with an account to the ensueing Quarterly meeting, next to be held at Newport, by our friends Catharine Mitchell, and Catharine K. Boyd; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

This meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 28th. of 8th. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols; whose names being called only one is present, for the absence of the other a satisfactory reason is given.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Rachel S. Nichols is appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives from our Quarterly meeting, not being present, their report is deferred until next month.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Rachel S. Nichols, Clerk for this time.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport, 26th of 9th. month, 1862.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; whose names being called only one is present.

This meeting has been informed

that the representatives to the Quarterly meeting was present; – but were not commissioned with any charge to this meeting.

No other business coming before us for consideration, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th. of 10th. month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; who are both present.

The Clerk not being present, Martha S. Gould, is appointed to serve for the day.

The queries have all been read at this time with answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. and being satisfactory, are directed to be forwarded, with an account from this, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at Fall River, by our friends Martha S. Gould, and Lydia Mitchell, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No further business appearing to claim our attention, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 27th. of 11th. month, 1862.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould, who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting, as our representatives report, they both attended, but have nothing in charge for this meeting.

The Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting, and an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly meeting of women friends, held at Nottingham, have been received, and

acceptably read in this meeting: they are as follows, viz.

"From our Yearly meeting of women friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 16th. of the 6th. month, to the 18th. of the same, inclusive, 1862.

"Being permitted once more to assemble together, our absent sisters, have been brought to remembrance, and we are desirous that they might be made partakers of a little of that bread which has been dispensed from season to season. —

A concern has been expressed, that in these times of treading down, we should not refuse that which may be comparable to a "book by the way" and that we might look not to the outward, but unto Him who alone knows what we stand in need of, and the desire has also arisen, that we may experience a being hid as under the healing wings of the sun of righteousness — while the petition for help and strength in this time of weakness and humiliation has been offered. We have been tenderly exhorted to labor diligently in the vineyard of our own hearts, in order that every wrong thing may be removed, and encouraged that this being the case, the plant of renown would flourish, and over-top every other thing; that we should then be enabled to travail harmoniously together; and the language would be often extended to one another, come let us go up to the house of the Lord together, and there wait for his teaching; — and great would be our peace.

The belief has been expressed that all present, who would, might come and partake of the waters of life freely: — The query to our Saviour by John's disciples, whether He was the Messiah was adverted to, and He referred them to His works, saying the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk; thus showing us that faith and works should go hand and hand. — The injunction of our Saviour has been also revived — "Be ye perfect, even as your Father, which is in Heaven is perfect;" — and we have been reminded that though without Him we can do nothing, yet that He does not require more than He will enable us to perform: — And a concern has been expressed that we might examine and see upon

what we are building, that our foundation may be sure, even upon Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages; — and the blessedness of this refuge in times of trial has been feelingly adverted to — under whose shadow there is peace."

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
by Martha S. Gould, Clerk. this year.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Nottingham by adjournments from the 21st. of 10th. month, to the 23d. of the same inclusive, 1861.

To New-England Yearly meeting of women Friends, to be held at Newport on Rhode Island.

Dear friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of 6th. month last, has been received and read to our comfort; and we may acknowledge that our spirits have been refreshed in endeavouring humbly to put our trust in our Heavenly Father; — who alone is able to sustain in this time of trial. We remember He was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire — but "in the still small voice." Oh! that there might be more earnestness for a closer walk with Him, for an establishment on the sure foundation, whereby we may know a renewal of our spiritual strength.

At a time when many went back and walked no more with him, our blessed Saviour addressed his immediate disciples in the language, — "Will ye also go away"? the respose was, "to whom shall we go, for thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure, that thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."

Though some may falter and turn aside in this day of commotion, and of saying by some, — this is the way, and by others that; — yet may it be our united experience to know Him to be "the Christ the fountain of living waters" and to realize the promise to to them given, "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

By Lydia Waring, Clerk to the meeting this year.

No other business presenting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 25th. of 12th month, 1862.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Martha S. Gould; who are present.

No other business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 29th. of 1st. month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Martha S. Gould and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

The queries have been read followed by answers to the 1st., 2nd. and 11th. which appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be forwarded, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting, next to be held at North Providence, by our friends Martha S. Gould and Rachel S. Nichols, whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 2nd. month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting, the representatives are Martha S. Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols, who are present.

The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting as our representatives report, that indisposition, and the severity of the weather at that time, prevented them from attending; - consequently we have no account thereof.

No other business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 3d. month, 1863.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould, is appointed for the day.

There being but one woman friend present at our meeting last fifth day the Preparative meeting was not held.

No other business appearing to claim our attention at this time, we conclude.

Martha S. Gould, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 30th of 4th. month. 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Mitchell, who are both present.

[illegible] ed answers to all the Queries which together with the latter have been read, and appearing to be satisfactory to this meeting, are directed to be transmitted, together with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich, by our friends Catharine

K. Boyd and Sarah Carr; whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

No other business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 27th of 5th month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Catharine K. Boyd, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that she attended, but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this,—the other did not attend, but has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time had expired for which she was appointed to serve this meeting as its Clerk; and although she was very desirous of being released; friends, after considering the subject, proposed her re-appointment, which appearing to be the united sense of the meeting, she is accordingly appointed to the service for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

No other business presenting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 25th of 6th month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Lydia Mitchell, who are present.

No business presenting for this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends,
held at Newport the 30th. of 7th. month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting
the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould—
whose names being called are present.

The epistle issued by our last Yearly Meeting,
and 10th.,— have been read and appearing to be satisfactory to this meet-
ing are directed to be forwarded to the ensueing quarterly meeting
next to be held at this place; together with an account by our friends
Martha S. Gould, and Rachel S. Nichols — who are appointed to attend,
as our representatives.

We have received from men's meeting, a minute from
the Yearly Meeting of men and women friends, explanatory of the causes
of the Separation in the Yearly Meeting; — which having been read was
united with and directed to be recorded: it is as follows, Viz.

"At a meeting of men and women Friends held at New-
port on Rhode Island by adjournments 16th, 17th, and 18th. of
6th. month, 1863.

The following minute being produced, was read,
and after a season of solid deliberation, was approved by the meeting,
Viz. Under a deep and abiding sense of the responsible situation
in which we are now placed, as a body of Friends, we feel it incumbent upon
us to make upon record some account of the causes and circumstances which have
contributed to our present position, and in order to this, some reference
appears to be necessary, to the unregenerate and superficial standing of
many under our name, who as we apprehend, are not sufficiently acqua-
inted with that spirit and power which would lead to a true judgment
in things pertaining to the church. These in the natural activity of the
creature, have from time to time, (and for the last four years especially)
taken upon themselves to enter into the seat of judgment, by which it
is manifest that darkness, instead of light, has fallen in the stead and
easily could not enter; greatly to the grief and burden of such as we appre-
hend are truly members of the church. This spirit was made
made openly manifest on the reception of the Epistle from our brethren

of New York Yearly Meeting held at Poplar Ridge, in the year 1839.

A large proportion of this class, acting through prejudice and the affec-
= tional part arising from the ties of consanguinity as we believe, opposed
the reception of this token of gospel fellowship, expressing equal attachment
to a body of separatists, who in our judgment had laid waste the testimonies
of Truth and gone off from that meeting. Friends whose eyes were anoint-
= ed to see that it was best to continue to receive the Epistle from the legiti-
= mate Yearly Meeting of New-York, gave their judgment to this effect, but
after the subject had been considered in the meeting, it was referred to a com-
= mittee; the committee not agreeing in judgment respecting it, it came
again before the Yearly Meeting and was referred to the meeting for suf-
= fering with no better result. Again and again has the sub-
= ject claimed our consideration and the effort to extend the right hand
of fellowship to our distant brethren has been buried amidst with clamor,
and many times appearances to divert the mind and obscure unto us this
true judgment, as has been before alluded to, has not been suffered to prevail.

This sad falling short on the part of some and gross departure with others
from the true ground of our profession, has increased to a great extent, openly
our Yearly Meeting disunity with all of those meetings with which we have corres-
= ed, and who are as bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh.

It was under deep and painful exercises that we came to this annu-
= al assemble, fervently desiring that we might be favoured to see with clearness
what course to persue under our trials and besetments, that would tend to the hon-
= our of Truth. On entering upon the business of the Yearly Meeting, the same
spirit manifested itself in the way and manner which has been before spoke-
of, objections being made to the reception of all the Epistles from our distant
brethren and sisters, and especially from the General Meeting of Friends held
at Faisington and New-York Yearly Meeting held at Poplar Ridge, several
hours having elapsed during the consideration of the latter, being sorrowfully
impressed with the conviction that the meeting for several years had not been,
and could not be held to the honour of Truth, and the promotion of its cause: —
And this being the condition of the body, constituting what was the Yearly
Meeting of Friends of New-England, the Clerk, (Peleg Mitchell) was constra-
ined to make the declaration at that time, that he could not
serve as clerk to that body any longer; he in this position having the mar-

sympathy and unity of those Friends who are endeavouring to stand in their measures for the Law and the Testimony against the separating spirit which has so sorrowfully prevailed. Therefore the meeting was adjourned by a minute made by the Assistant Clerk, who is a partizan with those who have so long vexed the concern and exercise of Friends.

The Love which Friends had taken Witness, was entirely without premeditation; and under much individual contrition of spirit, we were concerned to enquire what the Lord would have us further to do, for the promotion of His cause in the earth. Dwelling under this solicitude, it seemed best for Men and Women Friends to assemble together to wait upon the Lord, and to confer together as to what was best to be done in our tried situation; and under a covering of solemnity which prevailed we were united in judgment that it would be unsafe to again meet with that disorganizing people.

Extracted from the minutes, and by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

by Peleg Mitchell, Clerk."

At this business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends held at Newport 27th. of 11th. month, 1863.

On account of weakness and discouragement in the friends assembled last fifth day, the preparative meeting was not held conformable thereto in accord.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as our representatives report they both attended the meeting for [illegible] and at its close men and women friends remained together to consider the propriety of holding a meeting for discipline.

After weightily considering the subject of appointing a Clerk it seemed to be the united judgment of friends assembled that way did not clearly open to hold a meeting for discipline at that time;

No other business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 24th. of 9th. month 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

Mary K. Howland being desirous of becoming a member of this monthly meeting, and being deprived of the privilege of obtaining a Removal Certificate in the usual way, by reason of there not being a sufficient number of Friends to sustain Dartmouth monthly meeting, of which she was a member, who did not identify themselves with the Separatists in our last yearly meeting,— has presented the following request to this meeting, viz.

"To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Friends

Having been for some time a member of Dartmouth monthly meeting, which body has identified itself with those who have gone off from Friends in the late separation, I am united to obtain a certificate of removal in the usual manner, and hereby request to be received a member among you.

Mary K. Howland.

Newport, 9th. month 24th. 1863."

Which having been read and considered, both in this, and men's meeting, is united with— and she being a friend well known, is thereby received a member among us. —

No other business claiming our attention, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport 29th. of 10th. month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols and Lydia Ann Gould; whose names being called are present.

The queries followed by answers to the 1st., 2nd. and 10th., have been read and approved by this meeting, and in consideration of our Quarterly Meeting for business, not being sustained since the separation in the 6th. month last, it is the united sense and judgment of this meeting, that the Answers to the queries be recorded in the Monthly meeting book of Records, they are as follows, Viz.

"Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been kept up, and the hour observed. Friends are preserved from giving way to drowsiness, and clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and Unity appear to be maintained among most friends — detraction generally guarded against.

Ans. 10th. A care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders as our Discipline requires. No instance of placing judgment since our last account."

By a minute from the preparative meeting we are informed that Mary R. Rowland proposed publishing her intentions of marriage with Joseph Brinton at this time, but on account of her late illness, is unable to attend — men friends have informed us that in consideration of it, permission had been asked to adjourn this meeting to meet again immediately at the house of Lydia Ann Gould: — after due deliberation friends feel no objection to the request being granted; and the meeting is adjourned accordingly.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Joseph Brinton and Mary R. Rowland appeared in this meeting and published their intentions of Marriage with each other; their proposals was duly

noticed, and they were referred to the men's meeting: Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould, are appointed to enquire into Mary's clearness in her present engagement and report at our next monthly meeting.

Men friends inform that with the approbation of women friends they wish to adjourn this meeting to meet two weeks from to-day, in order that our friends Joseph Brinton, and Mary H. Howland may receive their answer at an earlier period than the usual time of holding our Monthly meeting will allow: — After considering the subject we unite with the request, and this meeting is accordingly adjourned to meet on the 12th. day of next month, at the usual place.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At an adjournment of Rhode Island monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 12th: of 11th. month, 1863.

The representatives names being called are present.

The friends appointed to make the necessary inquiries respecting Mary H. Howlands clearness in her present engagement report, that nothing appeared to prevent her proceeding in marriage with our friend Joseph Brinton; — they are therefore left at liberty to consummate their union according to our established order: Lydia Ann Gould & Rachel S. Nichols are appointed to attend the solemnization thereof, and report their judgment at our next monthly meeting.

Men Friends inform that on account of Mary H. Howlands continued indisposition Joseph Brinton makes request that a meeting may be appointed for their marriage next fourth day, the 18th of the present month, and for it to be held at the house of Lydia Ann Gould, at Two O'clock in the afternoon; and that they had concluded to grant the request — this meeting also deems the reasons assigned sufficient, and unites with them in making the appointment at that time and place.

No other business presenting we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time this month.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of women friends, held at Newport 26th. of 11th. month, 1863.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are both present.

The friends appointed last month to attend the marriage of our friends Joseph Brainton and Mary H. Rowland, as overseers, report they both attended, and considered it conducted orderly, and in a manner consistent with our profession.

Men friends proposed coming into this meeting in order to consider with us, what is best to be done in regard to the holding of our meetings for discipline for the future - their meeting having been composed for some time past of two individuals, and by the removal of one of these for a season, will be so reduced it cannot be sustained.

We feeling no objection to their proposition, have conferred together - and after waiting for a season, endeavouring to feel after the mind of Truth herein; - the judgment seemed to prevail, that it will be right for men and women friends to meet together hereafter as one preparative, and one Monthly Meeting - or until a way shall open in the Truth, for a different arrangement to be made.

No other business coming under the consideration of this meeting we conclude, proposing to meet next month at the usual time and place, as proposed in the above minute.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At a Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport 31st. of 12th month, 1863.

In accordance with the conclusion of last month we have met together as a men's and women's monthly meeting, for the transaction of the business that may come before us.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould and Levi Chase, who are present.

The subject of a Clerk to serve this meeting, has been considered, and Friends seem united in continuing Lydia Ann Gould to the service, or until the expiration of the time for which she was appointed in the fifth month last.

No further business appearing this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At a Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 22th. of 1st. month, 1864.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

The queries, followed by answers to the first, second and tenth, have been read, and appearing to nearly describe the present state of our meeting, are directed to be recorded: Viz.

"Ans. 1st. All our meetings for Religious worship and Discipline have been kept up — and the hour mostly observed. Friends are preserved from giving way to drowsiness, and clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity generally preserved among friends — detraction is generally guarded against. Where differences become known, endeavours are used to end them.

Ans. 10th. Friends are concerned to deal with offenders

according to our Discipline; and to place judgment, when necessary in the authority of Truth."

There being no further business on our minutes this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.,

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 25th. of 2nd. month, 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

No business presenting for this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 31st. of 3d. month, 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Rachel S. Nichols, and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

No business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 28th. of 4th. month, 1864.

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

The queries followed by answers to each, have been read, and being considered nearly descriptive of

of the present State of our meeting, are directed to be recorded— they are as follows, Viz.

"Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been kept up, excepting on two occa= =sions, when circumstances rendered it impracticable to hold them. The hour is mostly observed— Friends are gen= =erally preserved from sleeping, and are clear of other un= =becoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and Unity are measurably maintained— detraction not sufficiently guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge since our last accounts.

Ans. 3d. We fear some friends are not so careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel; and to restrain them from reading pernicious books; and from the corrupt conversation of the world; as would be desirable. They appear to be mostly exam= plary therein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine; the unnecessa= =ry frequenting of Taverns, and places of Public resort; and to observe moderation and temperance, on the account of Births, Marriages, Burials, and on other occasions.

Ans. 5th. There are none of our members requiring assistance— and no children placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Parents, and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with regard to marriage, be conformable to our discipline.

Ans. 7th. Clear as regards the several parts of this query.

Ans. 8th. Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts. To be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Friends are careful as to Records. Two removals without certificates since our last account.

Ans. 10th. A care remains with Friends to deal with offenders as our discipline requires – No instance of placing judgment since our last account."

No other business appearing, we conclude.
Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 26th. of 5th. month, 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Lydia Ann Gould, who are present.

No business coming under the consideration of this meeting, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport 30th. of 6th. month. 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Lydia Ann Gould, and Levi Chase, who are present.

Lydia Ann Gould informed that the time had expired for which she was appointed to serve this

meeting as Clerk: – the subject has claimed its consideration, and Friends appear united in re-appointing her to the service for the year to come, or until another appointment shall be made.

No other business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Newport, 28th of 7th month, 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Rachel S. Nichols, whose names being called are present.

The Queries, followed by answers to the 1st., 2nd., and 10th. – have been read and considered, and appearing to be satisfactory to the meeting, are directed to be recorded: They are as follows, Viz.

"Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious Worship, and Discipline have been attended by most of our members – and the hour is generally observed. Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping, and are clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and Unity are measurably preserved – detraction generally guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th. Friends feel a concern to deal with offenders as required by our Discipline: No instance of placing judgment since our last account."

Believing that both on account of our greatly reduced numbers, and the departure of our members from the principles and practices of our Society, as manifested by

the late seperation, that our meetings for Discipline as at present constituted, cannot be much longer sustained to the honour of Truth; the subject of discontinuing them for a season, has claimed the deliberate consideration of this meeting:— but as all do not feel quite prepared to take such a step at this time, the subject is deferred for further consideration, until next month.

No other business claiming our attention at this time, we conclude.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends, held at Prospect 25th. of 8th. month, 1864.

By the account received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives are Levi Chase, and Lydia Ann Gould; who are present.

From the Preparative meeting we have received the following minute, viz. "Martha S. Gould having informed this meeting that the time had expired for which she was appointed with Catharine Mitchell, to serve as Overseers; requests to be released— and Catharine Mitchell having identified herself with those who have seperated themselves from Friends— this meeting appointed a committee to take the subject into consideration;— who report they believe it will be right to release them from the service; and that way did not open to propose the names of any other friends to serve in their stead:— and in consideration of our weak and stripped condition, and the probability that our meetings for discipline will be discontinued for a season, this meeting unites with their judgment:" which having been considered in this meeting, is united with— and the friends, who have heretofore served in the capacity of Overseers, are accordingly released from the service.

The subject of discontinuing the Monthly and Preparative meetings, having been called up by a minute of last month, has again claimed our consideration; and it appears to be the sense and judgment of this meeting, that in consideration of our tried and stripped condition, it will be right to discontinue them for a season, or until way shall open in the Truth, again to sustain them.

No other business presenting this meeting concludes.

Lydia Ann Gould, Clerk.